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blown away on the
bouncy castle

■ Jury finds husband and wife guilty of allowing seven-year-old girl to die on their bouncy castle as it was blown away

■ Shelby and William Thurston convicted of manslaughter by gross negligence after four-week trial

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Joe McElderry brings his show to Harlow

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To round off your visit, find refreshments in the Corner Cafe at excellent prices. The museum shop includes many interesting collectibles and always have special offers on their bookstand.

For children, there is always something to do at Harlow Museum: The Time Detectives workshops on Saturdays are great fun and the Young Historians group (Your History/Young Historians) offers special opportunities to explore history for the next generation of archeologists and researchers. There will be a number of child-friendly trails to help the family explore and enjoy. For more details visit: www.science-alive.co.uk/harlow-museum

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started making a noise which could be loosely described as music. After many evenings and weekends spent strumming, plucking and plonking away in a shed, recognisable tunes began to form and the boys were soon performing in local establishments to some acclaim. Now playing as a power duo or trio but creating a bigger sound than ever, The Goats play classic songs from the past five decades in a unique 'rock-synth' style, many of which you probably won't hear from other covers bands on the

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Jazz quintet Que Pasa perform at Rhodes Arts Complex

Family of inflatable operators break down as Crown Court jury delivers verdict

Couple convicted of manslaughter in bouncy castle death

By Hannah Kane
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A jury has ruled that a married couple allowed a seven-year-old girl to die on their bouncy castle after it blew away in the wind and careered 300 metres down a hill with the beloved child inside.

Shelby and William Thurston were convicted of manslaughter by gross negligence after 11 hours of deliberations as a four-week trial finally came to a conclusion yesterday afternoon.

The Thurstons' family broke down in tears as the jury of seven women and five men delivered their verdicts, while the couple sat calmly in the dock.

On March 26, 2016, Summer Grant was playing on the inflatable at the Harlow Town Park funfair when it was swept down a hill and hit a tree before colliding with a fence and coming to a stop.

The youngster from Norwich, whose grieving parents watched the trial unfold at Chelmsford Crown Court, suffered serious injuries and was rushed to Princess Alexandra Hospital, but died a few hours later.

As he adjourned sentencing for the couple, Justice Neil Garnham QC, told them a prison sentence was not out of the question.

He said: "Let me make this crystal clear, all options are open.

"I shall seriously consider imprisonment. I will be considering all options in terms of sentence."

After hearing three weeks of evidence, involving health and safety experts, Summer's family and both Shelby and William Thurston, the jury were sent out to consider their verdicts on Friday before finding the couple guilty of both manslaughter by

Shelby Thurston and William Thurston leaving Chelmsford Magistrates court after an earlier hearing



gross negligence and offences under the Health and Safety Act.

During the trial, Shelby Thurston, 26, told the courtroom how she tried to hold the bouncy castle down when it was swept away in a strong wind.

She said: "I screamed and I tried to grab hold of it but it wouldn't hold.

"I remember that William had run after it along with what I now know to be Summer's dad, Lee. When I got down to the bottom, the dome had already come to a stop."

William Thurston was the first to reach the inflatable after it had come to a stop with a "crack", resting against a fence.

"I still didn't believe that there was anybody inside," he said. "I was hoping to God that there wasn't."

"I poked my head inside first and called words to the effect of,

'Is there anybody in there?'

"I got no response. There was a second where I was relieved because I thought there was nobody inside."

However, he noticed a slight dip at one end of the dome, and went inside to find Summer's body.

He said: "I went in and saw there was a little girl inside. I picked her up, carried her outside. There was a few people there by that point. I put her in the recovery position."

Raining

Witnesses told the court it had been raining and windy on the day of the incident.

A yellow weather wind warning was in place and the weather forecast for the coming weekend was stormy.

The Thurstons were running a number of rides at the funfair, including three inflatables – a

large slide, a smaller slide and the Circus Super Dome that was involved in the incident.

While the larger slide was being deflated, Summer was on the dome when it lifted into the air and blew away.

The couple told the court they had regularly checked Met Office weather updates on the day and had seen the wind was due to pick up in a few hours, so agreed to deflate the big slide first due to the rain. They claimed it was not windy and a sudden gust blew the dome away.

A meteorologist confirmed weather warnings were in place that day for the area covering the park and wind speeds and gusts had increased throughout the day, reaching as high as 45mph during the late afternoon.

The couple had also not adequately anchored the inflatable dome to the ground.



Summer Grant, 7, who died when the inflatable she was playing on was lifted by wind at Harlow Town Park on March 26, 2016

Speaking after the hearing, senior investigating officer, Detective Chief Inspector Daniel Stoten, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, said: "Summer Grant was a seven-year-old girl who lost her life in the most tragic of circumstances.

"The inflatable should never have been in use in those weather conditions and the operators should never have allowed Summer to play on it.

"The Thurstons held a huge responsibility to ensure the safety of the children that used their rides. They treated this responsibility with total disregard, putting profit before safety.

Tragedy

"I welcome the convictions in this case, however this is a tragedy for everyone involved.

"Summer Grant was a beautiful little girl with a beaming smile and a caring nature. She will never be forgotten.

"Summer's parents Cara and Lee, her sister Lily and her Iwider family have suffered an

unspeakable loss.

"They have displayed utter dignity throughout the last two years and during the court process. They have my complete respect for the strength and courage they have shown."

Health and Safety Executive (HSE) inspector Nicola Jaynes added: "Anyone operating an item of fairground equipment should be aware of their legal duty to protect the health and safety of those not in their employment.

"They should be aware that HSE will not hesitate to take appropriate enforcement action against those that fall below the required standards.

"An inflatable should be checked before use and these checks should include ensuring it is adequately secured to the ground.

"When in use operators should monitor the weather closely and an inflatable should not be used in wind speeds above 24mph or as directed by the manufacture."

The couple will be sentenced at a later date yet to be set.

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Mourners pay their respects to troubled physicist shortlisted to work alongside Stephen Hawking



Family members mourn the loss of Hamid Fahari at Harlow Crematorium

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By James Gregory

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A FUNERAL has been held for a homeless man who died after living in the car park of a Tesco in Harlow.

Mourners and well-wishers from across the community were at the funeral on Friday (May 4) for Hamid Farahi Alamdari – a quantum physicist who fought in Iraq – who sadly died in February.

He was a friendly face to shoppers at the superstore in Church Langley.

After falling on hard times, he used to sleep inside his car which was parked at the supermarket, but he passed away while he was staying in nearby hotel accommodation.

Adam Protheroe, 40, became friends with Hamid when he met him at the shop in November 2017 and was at the council-organised funeral.

He said: "It was a nice service – it was very poignant that he went out to Enigma's Return To Innocence."

"It has totally ruined the song for me now as

whenever I hear it I will get upset and be reminded of his funeral.

"It was sad to say goodbye.

"I just started talking to him outside Tesco and asked whether I could do anything to help. I gave him a bag of clothes and took him down some food.

"I was always popping down there once I had put the kids to bed. I got to know him a bit better from there."

Hamid had been moved to the Oasis Hotel by homeless charity 'streets to Homes' as the weather turned colder.

Having attained a degree in quantum physics, he was once shortlisted to work with Stephen Hawking but sadly, Hamid's PTSD from fighting in the Iran-Iraq war meant his life spiralled and he went on to suffer with alcohol abuse.

Veteran

But despite the difficulties he faced, the veteran was fighting to get himself back on track and began to attend support meetings.

Hamid's brother read a eulogy in front of family and members of the community including staff from the Tesco he used to live outside.

"His brother was there and did the eulogy," Adam added.

"He talked about his travels, his experience and intelligence and the fact he had fallen on hard times.

"They were grateful to see so many come down.

"I spoke to a few ladies from Church Langley who had chatted to him – I was not the only one who helped him out.

"One of the ladies said that he could not have picked a nicer place to live because everyone is very friendly and there is a good community feeling."



Tears for the loss of well known Hamid Fahari

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in his car in a Tesco car park) and finally death



The funeral of Hamid Fahari at Harlow Crematorium



Hamid Farahi Alamdari who sadly in February is pictured in his car in the Tesco car park



Greater Anglia has taken steps to improve its response to disruption

Hub plan will help railway company make sure delays are kept to a minimum

GREATER Anglia has revealed what steps it has taken to "improve the way it responds" when trains are delayed.

The company says its trains are punctual 90 per cent of the time, with a new initiative intended to boost this figure.

The train company is improving communications channels across the business by creating 'hub stations', which will receive information direct from the control room.

They can then quickly communicate to a small group of stations in the area.

Greater Anglia's managing director, Jamie Burles, said: "We are constantly improving the way we react when things go wrong.

"We know this is a top priority for our passengers and care about making their lives easier."

It is hoped that the changes will get passengers on the move more quickly and provide a better service to commuters.

During the initial months of the new initiative, Greater Anglia said it saw an increase in customer satisfaction with how it handles delays jump by 10 per cent.

Stations can also now contact their hub station for information, which is easier than getting through to the control room whose lines can often be busy while delays are occurring.

Direct

It is also improving information on the company's internal electronic 'whiteboard', which provides staff on trains and stations with updated train running information direct from the control room.

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Ten-year-old leukaemia sufferer hopes family fun day will help fund her dream

Brave Trinity aims for visit to NASA

By **Charlotte Page**

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A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl with leukaemia hopes to fulfil her dream of visiting NASA in America by holding a family fun day in Cheshunt.

Trinity Peck, who lives in Harlow with her mum and three siblings, was diagnosed with leukaemia on January 2 this year. Towards the end of 2017, the Longwood Academy pupil started to get blood clots inside her mouth – about the size of a 50p piece, explained her mum Katie Peck.

She also had unexplained bruises and rashes on her leg which was initially thought to be an effect of the snow during the winter months.

Diagnosed

Trinity began sleeping more and more and spent most of Christmas Day in bed having returned there to sleep after opening her presents.

Mum Katie said: "Before Trinity was diagnosed, [her] behaviour started to change."

"She was sleeping a lot, bruises kept appearing and she was having nose bleeds."



Trinity Peck

Over the New Year period Trinity was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital where her family were keen to find answers to her ill health. She was then rushed to Great Ormond Street Hospital in London where she was diagnosed with leukaemia.

"It can be someone you know or a close friend you hear about it all the time but when it is your own, you think how is that possible?" said Katie.

Trinity has since had multiple blood transfusions, surgical procedures – including a port inserted into her chest for medication –

and several rounds of chemotherapy.

Trinity said: "I have had lots of blood tests, platelets, blood transfusions, a bone marrow biopsy."

"I have a port in my chest for my medication and have gone up to regiment C chemotherapy."

"I get many side effects but I am still smiling and love to have a giggle. I have lost most of my hair now and have a wig and bandanas which I love and all the boys in my family have shaved their heads for me."

"I have a teacher who comes every day so I do not fall behind with my school work which is great."

"I would really love a mini adventure once I am at the end of my treatment."

"Going to NASA and experiencing zero gravity would be a dream come true."

Despite undergoing endless treatment, Trinity has never lost her sense of adventure and alongside experiencing zero gravity at NASA, has plans to swim with sharks and hold a barn owl.

"Trinity has always been keen to learn and explore new things and for as long as we can remember she has always been fasci-

ated by NASA," said Katie.

"This is why we felt it was really important for Trinity to have something positive to stay strong for and have something to look forward to."

Alongside her Just Giving page, which has already raised more than £2,000 of a £5,000 target, a family fun day will be held in Cheshunt to help raise the vital funds needed for a trip to NASA.

On the day people will be able to try their luck in hook-a-duck, a tombola and a raffle, as well as play on a bouncy castle, find gems at a car boot sale, have their hair braided and much more.

Aunt Kirstie Peck said: "This will be a continuous struggle for Trinity to overcome in the next two to three years and she has been remarkable so far."

"The courage she is showing as a ten-year-old child is amazing and she is still smiling."

Trinity's Fun Day will be held on Sunday, June 10, from noon until 6pm, at Flamstead End Hall, Albermarle Avenue, Cheshunt.

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Trinity Peck was diagnosed with leukaemia on January 2 this year

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With the election results in, we look at how the parties fared across constituencies

How did the vote go in the area you live in?



By **Lottie O'Neill**

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THE local election results of 2018 have finally arrived after candidates spent weeks trying to win the vote of their constituents.

Councillors have been shouting about what their party can do for

your local area and how they want to help with the issues that concern you.

Which political party won your ward's vote?

If you are wondering how your vote played a part in the local election in your area, find out the Harlow ward results right.

■ **Ward:** Bush Fair
Winning party: Labour
Councillor: Eugenie Harvey
Votes: 733

■ **Ward:** Church Langley
Winning party: Conservative
Councillor: Tony Hall
Votes: 1,203

■ **Ward:** Great Parndon

Winning party: Conservative
Councillor: Shona Johnson
Votes: 877

■ **Ward:** Harlow Common
Winning party: Labour
Councillor: Maggie Hulcoop
Votes: 813

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Officers rescued the animals from a red Peugeot parked in Lea Road on Saturday (May 5).

The pair, trapped for three hours according to the passer-by, drank four litres of water before being handed to a dog warden.

PC Steve Lee, who was on the scene, said: "When officers arrived they were clearly distressed and had no water.

"We tried to locate the owner of the vehicle without success. We seized the dogs for their own welfare and to prevent any further harm to the dogs.

"They are now well and with the dog warden, we are trying to locate the owner. Any assistance from the public to locate him or her would be appreciated."

Police managed to free the dogs without damaging the car.

Cheshunt and Waltham Cross Police shared pictures of the dogs on Twitter, reminding dog owners

not to leave their pets in cars.

They tweeted: "We have just seized these two guys from a car in Waltham Cross, they drank four litres of water!"

"We are currently looking for their owner to answer some questions. Please don't leave dogs in hot cars, C'mon guys we all know this don't we?"

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Daisy was known to be a good dancer in her younger years



The care home found some photos of friends among Daisy's belongings

Home appeals for Daisy's pals

Invite to attend funeral of 104-year-old

By **Sophie Finnegan**
sophie.finnegan@essexlive.news

A care home in Harlow has made a desperate appeal for people who may have known 104-year-old Daisy Staines to attend her funeral.

Daisy, who lived at St Michaels Close, sadly died at the grand age of 104 but has no family or friends to attend her funeral.

After developing dementia, the dance fanatic was taken into the care of Ashlyns care home on September 28, 2010.

The 104-year-old, who was the oldest resident at Ashlyns, was a keen ballroom dancer in her youth and her carers said she had a passion for dance and music.

Activity co-ordinator, Alison Armstrong, said: "When she came to us, she had dementia.

"She had a brother called Fred who would come and visit her regularly but we think he has

since passed away.

"Daisy was a very keen dancer, she just to enjoy talking about dancing with her late husband and looking at old photos of them both. She was such a character, she had a great sense of humour and she was also telling us stories about the war years."

Daisy, who was born in Tottenham, London, in 1913, married in 1939 when she was 25 years old. Her husband died in 1980.

Alison continued: "She had her favourite people and only let people in who she trusted and liked but she loved other people's company."

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"Her main fashion statement was wigs and she used to put them on and dance around her room.

"She loved anything floral and green, and she loved cats and animals. Whenever we had therapy dogs in, her face would just

light up."

Daisy had three brothers, Joe and George. Her brother Fred, who also lived in Harlow, died last year at 103 years old.

And now the care home has made a desperate appeal for mourners who knew Daisy to attend her funeral.

"If anybody knows Daisy please come along to the funeral, I would hate for anyone to miss it," Alison said.

"It is just going to be us carers because we don't know whether she has any more family.

"For someone who has lived that long, just to have people at her funeral would be lovely.

"She was a real character and she will be sorely missed by everyone here."

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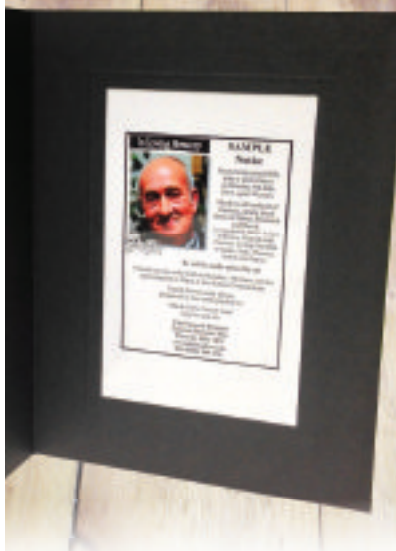
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I MUST take issue with the letter from the Solomon's, who fail to mention that it is not only the Board of Deputies but the Council of Christians and Jews, the Three Faiths and other Religious and non Religious bodies who have brought to Mr Corbyn's notice racial hatred, particularly Anti-Semitism, within his party.

When you are a leader of a political party, or a chief executive of a business etc, if you receive complaints, the "buck stops with you", and as it can go no further it is up to you to deal with it. This Corbyn has failed to do.

If he had the wisdom of "Solomon" he would never have let it get to this stage.

Charles Jackson
Rectory Wood, Harlow

Privilege to be elected again

May I take this opportunity to thank the residents of Old Harlow for returning me as their representative on Harlow District Council.

It is a privilege to be re-elected for a second term. I will continue to listen and respond to the concerns of all Old Harlow residents.

Affordable housing, protecting green spaces from over-development and keeping Old London Road open came up consistently on the doorstep as some of the most important priorities.

I promise to focus on these issues and campaign to secure funding for a new Harlow hospital to ensure residents are always able to access good quality health and care services.

Old Harlow is one of the most special corners of the town.

I look forward to working hard for residents and making sure our local community has a better future ahead.

Thank you once again for the support.

Cllr Joel Charles
Old Harlow Ward (Con)

Halt epidemic of loneliness

THIS latest ONS survey on loneliness shows it doesn't affect older people - its hits anyone regardless of their age in life.

We have so many new ways to communicate with people these days thanks to social media and technology, but more often than not, the traditional method of having a face to face conversation can dramatically help brighten someone's day.

But how do people with sight loss feel? Apart from loneliness, they can feel isolated too, keen to become active and connected members of their community. That's why our befriending service is a lifeline for many people with a sight impairment as it offers companionship and support, and it's a win-win situation.

Volunteer befrienders are making a huge difference to the life of the person with sight loss and also can meet new friends and learn new skills, such as sight awareness, emergency first aid and guiding techniques training.

Feeling lonely is also damaging towards mental



Goldcrest in flight at Parndon Mill Meadows, Harlow, by Chinara Djumanalieva

health - it's as bad as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and more dangerous than obesity.

Let's help halt and reduce this epidemic and make the time to stop and listen to someone suffering from loneliness.

Not only will you be doing a good deed, but you may also discover something new from someone else's wisdom whilst giving them a reason to love life.

Carl Hodson
Chief Executive
Fife Society for the Blind

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WEBCHAT

The hot topics our readers have been discussing online this week

■ WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SAVE HARLOW'S TOWN CENTRE AND MARKET?:

Reduce the rent on stall pitches so that the traders stand an chance to make a profit and grow their business. Help restore the market to what it was in the 70s and 80s
Graeme Stock

Why has the park in the market square been demolished? What is replacing it does anyone know.
Sally Kitteridge

Make it free parking for all town centre car parks reduce rents and rates not just on the market stalls but all the shops to try to encourage the big store chains back in...it works in other towns.
Terry Douglas

There is so much that can be done to bring the town back to life. Unfortunately it's all about revenue for the council, with very short-sighted vision.
Stephanie Howard

I believe that the council only owns a small percentage of the town

centre anymore, so is probably unable to determine rents etc. If it's private landlords /investors it's no wonder that shopkeepers no longer wish to remain in the town. Not sure what the answer is.
Sylvie Woods

Bring back a night time economy.

Not so long ago there was a choice of nightlife in the town but now there is nothing but one poor excuse of a nightclub that is frequently a hot spot for trouble.

A good start would be

with a dedicated music venue in the same spirit of The Square that entices international standard acts back to the town.

Dan Dear

Would Harlow could do to promote the market is once a month allow a small boot sale.

Obviously not with cars. But buy a table and set it up around the market along with the traders. This gets people into the market and also brings people together.

Instead of focusing Christmas markets at just the stow. Bring a Victorian Christmas market to the

market along with the traders. Ask them to dress up for the time. Again it brings people together.

And the biggest thing of all. Stop plowing money into the water gardens. You know that area of town works well so focus some of that budget on the rest of the town. Or allow the market to move up to that area.

You let the European market set up there so let the traders. There's More people in the water gardens than any other part of the town centre. Move them to where it works.

Ellie Bryant Webb

Can still have small stalls down centre of main walkway this would be nice and could be every day.

Mollie Clements

Yours truly would love to see another new bookshop. I am a bookworm. Reasonable prices, please.

No more coffee shops. How about a indoor vegetable market.

Or even an ice rink. My nearest ice rink to watch ice hockey is Chelmsford and a half hour drive.

Also a place like the square for live music. Can they have jazz please too.
Donna Redding

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PHOTO
of the week

Flowers are in bloom, taken in Leaden Roding by Martine Xerri

Tony

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Walker

Inspector, Harlow Community Policing Team

FOLLOWING on from a few days of decent weather last month there was a significant increase in reports of nuisance motorbikes in Harlow being ridden off road. It is believed there are a small number of bikes which are causing real upset for local residents, the manner in which they are being used is dangerous.

I would urge residents to contact the Community Policing Team with any information that may assist us with who owns or uses the bikes, it's not always the

best or the safest option for police to pursue the bikes but thanks to information already supplied we have been able to identify a number of riders and have started to issue notices to them regarding riding in an antisocial manner this then gives the police the power to seize the motorbike should continue to be used in such away.

Your local policing team have been working hard to reduce vehicle related crime, vans have been targeted with tools and electrical

equipment stolen from inside, there's nothing worse than waking in the morning to find your van has been broken into and you are unable to go to work. There have also been a number of index plates stolen from cars which are then used on other vehicles to commit more serious crime.

We have worked closely with the council Community Safety Team and other police forces to reduce vehicle crime, a recent three day operation with Hertfordshire police resulted in twelve

arrests for a number of offences including theft and burglary and four stolen vehicles were recovered, if possible remove any tools or valuables from vehicles overnight, park in well-lit area's and call us regarding any suspicious activity that you see.

Thanks to two eagle eyed members of the public who called police regarding some suspicious activity in the early hours a 18 year old male was arrested after a number of vehicles had been broken into. He has been

released under investigation after being arrested for 7 offences.

We regularly hold 'coffee with cops' events at the Staple Tye McDonald's, this is an ideal opportunity to come and discuss issues with your local Community Policing Team, whilst taking advantage of the offer to have a free drink. The upcoming dates are June 7, July 5 and August 2 between 12pm – 1pm.

People often say that it can be difficult to make contact with your local police, there

are a number of ways you can make contact the Police station is open 7 days a week between 9am and 5pm, for phone contact you can call 101.

The team also have a Facebook page – Essex Police-Harlow and a Twitter page Harlow Community Policing Team which are updated with local news and information, there is also an Email address for the community policing team Harlow: Harlowcommunitypolicingteam@essex.pnn.police.uk.

YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

Passmores team happy to show skill on Brisbane Road pitch

THE Passmores under-14 girls' football team celebrated their Essex Cup triumph when they were invited to Leyton Orient F.C. as VIP guests last weekend.

The girls, who had claimed a convincing 5-2 victory in the final against former cup holders, Eastwood, are the first ever Passmores team to win the Essex Cup. To celebrate this achievement, the girls travelled to London to see Leyton Orient Ladies play MK Dons Ladies in a Premier League eight-goal bonanza.

Enjoying a prime view from the directors' box, the unseasonably cold weather did not deter the girls from making the most of the day

and at half time, they were introduced to the crowd as the Under-14 Essex Cup Champions.

Player Charis Howell said: 'We went through the tunnel on to the pitch and walked round showing the cup and our medals to the crowd. Afterwards we met the Leyton Orient Ladies team who congratulated us, and we got to chat to them for a while'.

Talented Charis hopes to play football professionally in the future and is one of several team members who also train with West Ham Academy. When asked what the next steps for Passmores are, Charis said: 'Our coach, Miss Conway, is taking us to



Passmores U14 Girls meet the Leyton Orient Ladies Team

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the Essex FA trials in June so we can try out for the squad. Then, training will carry on through the summer holidays so next season, we can enter the under-15s National Cup and we'll see just how far we can go'.



Passmores U14 Girls proudly display their medals as U14 Essex Cup Champions

Students have a huge say in new e-books aimed at young readers

HARLOW College Creative Media students have worked with publishers Pearson Education to produce a series of animated e-books for children aged 6-11 years.

The winning e-book, announced by Pearson at their Harlow offices, was created by Level 3 students Mitch Hanrahan and Daniel Herbert. 'Scaredy Cat' tells the story of Leo the scared lion, who gradually gains in confidence until eventually making friends with the other animals. <https://youtu.be/DJFP7hxUw30>

The e-books were then shown to pupils at the local Downs Primary School,

where they were given the thumbs up by the enthusiastic youngsters.

Jo Stevenson, Visual Design Manager at Pearson said: 'It was clear that everyone had worked very hard to produce such fabulous e-books - the standard was really high in all areas.'

Gary Rose, Senior Visual Designer at Pearson said: 'Some of the creativity and skill on display was remarkable, especially given the time they had on this project.'

Student, Daniel Herbert, one half of the winning team, said: 'The whole



Creative Media students presenting their work to Pearson Education

experience was fantastic. Presenting the work to Pearson was certainly a challenge. Walking into a room filled with people who animate for a living was very daunting, but being told that our animation had been ranked first really made the

experience worthwhile.'

'This project taught us not only to be proud of the work that we create, but also that we should be as confident as possible when presenting to people. Those traits can go a long way.'

Media tutor, Richard

Crabtree, said: 'The students certainly exceeded all expectations and they learnt a lot of new skills in the process. We are very proud, as the students were extremely impressive during their presentations to Pearson. We have several

students with challenges in the group. Everybody stuck together as a team at the presentation and really supported each other.'

All e-book animations can be viewed on the 'Media and Design at Harlow College' YouTube channel.

YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Homeless and hungry getting help from county Freemasons

A HARLOW based charity, the Michael Roberts Charitable Trust is making a massive difference helping the deprived, the homeless and the hungry, has received financial help from Essex Freemasons with a major grant of £3,000.

Thousands of people, many of them children who would be without food and other vital services, receive help from the MRCT, based at the Rainbow Centre in Wych Elm and demand is growing by the day. The £3,000 grant, donated via the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), the Freemasons own charity, will assist the Trust to continue their vital work.

But as the MRCT's co-founder Gary Knott explained: "Like most charities we always need more and demand for our foodbank services is up by 32 per cent this year and so far in this financial year we have fed over 3,500 people and their families."

"The grant from Essex Freemasons really helps not only with the foodbank but in all the other areas where we are engaging with the community at our Drop-In Centres and with our Bounty Club scheme which supplies fresh food to those in greatest need."

The MRCT charity is incredibly effective working alongside most of the leading agencies in Harlow and the surrounding areas. Families in crisis and with immediate need are referred to the foodbank which is based at St Paul's Church,



The Michael Roberts Charitable Trust donations

Harlow. Such families receive help for up to 21 days to allow them to get back on their feet.

The operation is run from

a central store which collects fresh and non-perishable food from local supporters, supermarkets and businesses that allow both non-

perishable and surplus fresh food to be used rather than sent to landfill.

Much of this is delivered to needy residents across

Harlow and the surrounding area via front-line care professionals.

The MRCT also has drop in centres on Tuesday and

Friday in Harlow where the homeless and vulnerable can find help. A further centre is open at Harefield Church in the Stow area on Thursdays.

Fundraising concert by male voice choir benefits cancer charities

THE boys of the Three Valleys Male Voice Choir are holding a fundraising concert for Macmillan Cancer Care on Saturday, May 19.

The event is scheduled to take place at Paringdon Sports and Social Centre in Harlow starting at 7.30pm.

The choir hope to pack the Hall with supporters and friends, looking for an evening of "Much Loved

Music and a few Surprises" – as Tony Moore promises.

This popular Choir which consists of 35 men who love performing to the public, also perform to the elderly in day centres and care homes.

The all-male group was formed in 1994 by Tony Moore, who at one time was Community Worker at Ongar's well known Budworth Hall.

Mr Moore proudly explains to the Star "The group is going from strength to strength and have the honour of perform at St Mary Magdalene Church in the Queens Estate of Sandringham in June."

Full details of the concert and how to purchase tickets are on the Choirs' website; www.3valleymvc.org.uk or their Facebook.



the Three Valleys Male Voice Choir

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Farm seeks some fresh volunteers to muck in

ON Saturday, May 12, Herts and Essex Community Farm will be hosting an open day at the Fold Croft site for all visitors interested to learn about what the farm does and for those interested in volunteering to pop in, have a cuppa and a chat with existing volunteers.

The open day will run from 11am to 4pm and there will be a host of gardening activities to join in with, including planting, watering and weeding, plus some of the farm volunteers will be leading tours and talks around the farm. There will also be a plant sale, craft activities for children and refreshments on offer.

The organisation is looking for new volunteers of all abilities, skills and ages with no specific time commitments required. Elliot Wollen, chairman of the farm, states: "All that is needed is an enthusiasm for growing and working outdoors. The farm is a great place to learn new skills, brush up on your social skills and improve your mental wellbeing. Volunteers are rewarded for their time with a share of the crop grown at the site."

The open day is a great opportunity for any potential new volunteers or any interested visitors to have a further chat with those who



Herts and Essex Community Farm

run the volunteer days, and observe first-hand some of the activities which take place.

Volunteer days typically run each Saturday, Sunday

and Wednesday, from 10am to 2pm, and on Thursday evenings in summer from 4pm to 8pm. A communal meal is always shared and attendance is not

compulsory – any volunteer can attend as frequently or as little as they wish.

For more information, visit the organisation on social media at www.facebook.com/HECommunityFarm or

on Twitter/Instagram: @HECommunityFarm or you can visit its website at www.hecommunityfarm.co.uk

Harlow

■ **QUIZ NIGHT:** Harlow Young Labour wants a garden in the dementia ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital, so it is organising a charity bingo night on May 11, at 7.30pm, in the Greyhound Pub.

It is £5 per person for the night and all money raised will go to The Dementia Ward at PAH.

Prizes donated from local businesses are a psychic reading worth £42, from the Mystery Chest in Bush Fair.

A tattoo worth £30 is being donated by Sammuels at Custom Ink in The Town and a shotgun piercing worth £10, from Sue at Custom Ink.

There will be other prizes on the night and it is promised to be fun.

The charity evening will be hosted by local comedian Clare Harrison McCartney and youth representative Shannon, as well as many others who represent Harlow Young Labour.

Please come along for a laugh and to help raise money for PAH.

■ **LUNCH CLUB:** The over-50s lunch club runs every Thursday from noon to 1pm. A hot meal and dessert is £4 per person. Free tea and

coffee. Book your meal in advance to avoid disappointment. Join them on every fourth Thursday of the month for a Sing-a-Long with Goldies UK from 1pm.

Please drop by or call 01279 441581 for more information and see what other activities they have on this week. Harlow Salvation Army, Tending Road, CM18 6RN.

■ **JAZZ GIG:** Music at the Marigolds presents Split Whiskers tomorrow (Friday) from 7.30pm at Harlow Cricket Club, Chippingfield, Old Harlow, Essex CM17 0DJ. Tickets are £10 on the door.

Hunsdon

■ **PILATES CLASSES:** Mondays 2.30-3.30pm at Hunsdon Village Hall. Friendly and welcoming classes. Pilates helps you achieve a balance of mind and body, plus focuses on stretching and strengthening the whole body to improve balance, muscle strength, flexibility and posture.

For more information or to book your complimentary trial class (limited places) for new attendees. Contact your local pilates instructor Anne at "Active Health Pilates and More" on 07717 333234 or

email: activehealthpam@gmail.com

Standon

■ **TEEN DANCE:** DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) dance fitness classes are held every Wednesday at Standon Village Hall for teenagers between 5.45 and 6.30pm, term time.

No dance experience is required, just lots of enthusiasm and a pair of trainers. It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week. Call Julie on 07971 699615 or visit: dancejamacademy.co.uk for more details.

■ **FIT FOR ALL:** Pure Stretch releases muscular tension, develops core strength, and reduces mental and physical fatigue.

It is suitable for everyone, easy to follow, sociable and light-hearted. Call Denise, your local fitness instructor, for times and classes on 01920 823072 or 07703 277862.

■ **CREATIVE LITTLE ONES:** Art, craft and messy play classes are held for under-fives. The sessions are held on Wednesdays between 1pm and 1.45pm at Standon Village Hall.

Go along and have some

creative fun with your little one. Email Becky to book a free trial at: artexplorers1@gmail.com or visit: www.artexplorers.co.uk for more information.

■ **MUSICIANS AND MOVERS:** Put a jingle in your step and become a morris dancer. Have a bash at Cotswold dance traditions with Standon Morris at practice sessions on Thursday evenings. The mixed side welcomes anyone from ten years old upwards. No experience necessary, and it is free. The group gathers from about 8pm onwards in The Star before heading down to Standon Village Hall at 8.30pm. Musicians are also needed to play.

To find out more, call Catherine on 07808 969379 or send an email to: standon.morris@gmail.com

Sawbridgeworth

■ **MORRIS MEET:** Fiddlers' Brook Morris meets every Tuesday at 8pm at Allens Green Village Hall near Sawbridgeworth. Newcomers are welcome to go along and give it a try for fun, exercise and friendship and to help keep a tradition going. Musicians also welcome. Call 01279 723707 or email

neilandgillmunro@aol.com or see our Facebook page.

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YOUR NEWS

■ We compile our Community News pages two weeks in advance of publication. If you'd like to include a future event please make sure you tell us in plenty of time so our readers can come along.

Discover the wonders of waterways while enjoying free canal boat ride

CANAL boat charity, CanalAbility, is inviting people to its free open day on Sunday, May 20, and visitors will have the chance to try canal boating for free.

Located on the Herts/Essex border, CanalAbility is dedicated to providing the facilities for disabled people and people with special needs to enjoy boating on the river, providing day trips, short breaks and longer holidays on specially adapted canal boats.

The charity has been helping disabled and disadvantaged people, and people with special needs,

enjoy the river for more than 19 years and provides all the facilities needed for those with disabilities to fully participate in the experience.

The open day will include free trips on the adapted canal boats, which are all fitted with ramps and lifts to enable access via wheelchair and for people with impaired mobility.

There will also be the chance to meet the volunteer crews, staff and trustees, learn all about our waterways and canal history, as well as games, refreshments and live music from Too Many Cooks.

Designed to showcase the charity's work, the Open Day will also introduce people to the fantastic fun that can be had on the specially adapted canal boats. Everyone is welcome, and no advanced booking is required, just come along and enjoy the fun!

The open day takes place on Sunday (noon-6pm) at CanalAbility (near the Moorhen pub) Lock View, Burnt Mill Lane, Harlow, Essex CM20 2QS. For further details call 01279 424444, email: hello@canalability.org.uk or visit www.canalability.org.uk

CanalAbility customer steering the boat



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Adapted canal boats allow access to people with impaired mobility

FAMILY MATTERS

CHILDREN'S BOOK OF THE WEEK



STAR WARS BLOCK: OVER 100 WORDS EVERY FAN SHOULD KNOW

Abrams Appleseed, illustrated by Peskimo £12.99

ALL the Star Wars films are represented in this chunky book, which is filled with colourful illustrations that, although being simple, manage to capture the characters really well.

Star Wars fans of all ages will enjoy finding their favourites – from Darth Vader and Darth Maul on the Dark Side to Princess Leia, Rey and Luke Skywalker on the Light.

There are droids, ewoks and even the rancor monster but we found one glaring omission. Where is the Emperor?

Poor Palpatine seems to have been overlooked, which is the only flaw in this otherwise entertaining and funny journey through a rogues' gallery from a galaxy far far away.

PRODUCT OF THE WEEK



SAINSBURY'S is launching its first own-brand baby food range, with more than 50 items to tempt tiny tastebuds.

The Little Ones range, which includes dishes such as lentil and chickpea dahl, BBQ Pulled Pork and Chicken Katsu Curry, has been developed with registered nutritionist Fiona Wilcock, in a bid to introduce tots to savoury food from the outset of weaning.

The range follows a 'vegetables first' approach; from seven months onwards, all savoury meals have at least one portion of veg.

Fiona says: "The early stages of complementary feeding are important and help establish and nurture healthy eating patterns for life. The Little Ones range has been developed to progress from simple single vegetable puree pouches and build on these in complexity and texture to support each stage of a baby's physical and nutritional needs."

From getting children to finish their dinner to bribing them to be good, it seems there are lots of reasons parents tell little porkies, as **LISA SALMON** reveals

MANY parents have told their child a white lie or two, usually with the best of intentions.

Research suggests 45% of parents tell their children a white lie at least once a week, and a fifth (20%) tell them well-meaning untruths daily to satisfy their curious minds.

A lot of parents don't feel at all guilty about occasionally being less than truthful with their little ones – in fact, the survey by online card and gift retailer Moonpig.com found 58% of mums think answering their child's tricky questions by telling little white lies is a great part of being a parent.

So what porkies are parents telling their kids? Here are the 12 most common ones, according to Moonpig's survey...

1 EATING carrots will help you see in the dark (43% – although, to be fair, there is some truth to this, actually!)



7 THE ice cream van playing a tune means they've run out of ice cream (11%)



2 SANTA has a naughty list, so you have to be on your best behaviour (38%)

8 IF YOU watch TV all day, your eyes will swell up/ go square (25%)



3 YES, we are nearly there (38%)



9 YOU won't like it (21%)



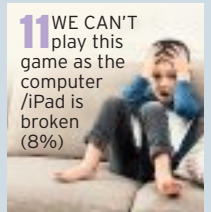
4 SANTA is watching you at all times (28%)



10 CUTTING your hair makes it grow quicker (9%)



5 IF YOU don't go to sleep soon, the tooth fairy won't come (28%)



11 WE CAN'T play this game as the computer/iPad is broken (8%)

Sweet little lies



45% of parents tell white lies once a week

RICHARD IRVINE

DOUBLE
TROUBLE
FOR A
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DAD OF TWINS



Making up for lost time – and nutrients – is

THE 1lb 7oz weight gap is narrowing between Little T (Thomas) and Big E (Emma).

Thomas is catching up to her at the gentle pace of roughly 2oz a month, which the doctor says is perfect.

Although my nicknames of Little T and Big E may be redundant very soon for reasons of accuracy.

Initially, we were alarmed by the size difference, but the paediatrician assured us this is very common in twins, although medically complex and best described with an analogy. Imagine my mother baking



Papaya is #1

a large lemon drizzle cake and leaving it out in the kitchen. If I arrive home first, I will attempt to eat most of it, leaving my brother with crumbs or maybe the slice I dropped on the floor.

Emma's umbilical cord was positioned before Thomas' in the placenta hence she took all

the 'lemon drizzle cake'.

The worry for me was if Thomas didn't catch up to Emma and I had to explain he couldn't go on the rides at Alton Towers with his sister because she stole all his food in the womb. Thankfully it's fine and they're both eating similar amounts of actual food or things mushed up by a blender into liquid sludge.

If you're wondering what works food-wise, here's slightly bigger T's guide to nutrition (Emma's view was ignored to redress the balance after she stole all his nutrients):

ARE WHITE LIES HARMLESS?

CLINICAL psychologist Linda Blair, author of books including *The Happy Child*, says there's no one simple answer as to whether white lies are harmless or not.

"Each parent has to parent the way they think best, but my advice is you need to look at the intent of a lie. If the intent is to share and make some events more fun and exciting, for example Father Christmas or the Easter Bunny, then I don't see any harm in that. But if the intent is that you can't be bothered to tell your child the right answer to a question they've asked, then I don't think that's good. In the long-run, they'll know less and they'll also not want to come to you when they want to learn something, and that's going to be terrible when they're teenagers and you really need them to communicate," she adds.

Linda believes that even with questions about Father Christmas and the Easter Bunny, if your child asks you if it's really true, parents should tell the truth. However, there are thoughtful ways of doing it - for example, you may just ask the child: 'What do you think?'

"They need to know they can trust their parents," says Linda. "Your first aim is to educate your child as much as possible, to make sure they're as good a human being as they can possibly be when

they go out into the wide world.

"The second aim is to make sure they know they can always come to you and you'll do your best to talk to them and to listen to them, and the third aim is for them to know they can trust you."

Linda points out, however, that care needs to be taken when parents tell a white lie - the one about fruit seeds growing inside their bodies if they eat them, for example, could scare them and be construed as bullying. "A lot of people will say they were just teasing when they tell a white lie, but there's a very, very thin line between teasing and bullying, and you have to be awfully careful where you are on that," she explains. "If you have the remotest doubt, then don't say it at all, because you might be too close to bullying. Bullying produces more bullies, and you don't want your child to be a bully."

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PARENTS LIE TO STOP QUESTIONS

PARENTS don't just tell white lies to tease or for fun: 39% admit they sometimes simply tell little porkies to stop their children asking incessant questions.

According to Moonpig.com, the top 10 most common questions kids ask are:

1. Are we nearly there yet?
2. Will you read me a story?
3. Why do I have to go to bed?
4. How come they're allowed that and I'm not?
5. What's the time?
6. Why do I have to go to school?
7. Why can't I stay up as late as you do?
8. Can I play on the phone/tablet?
9. Why do I need to eat my vegetables?
10. Where do babies come from?

The survey suggests youngsters are increasingly turning to tech to find answers to their questions, rather than to mum or dad, with 71% of parents anticipating their children will use tech devices more and more to help find answers.

But although some children's questions can be annoying, particularly if they're constantly repeated, parents might be well advised to appreciate being asked while it lasts.



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6 IF YOU don't finish your dinner, Santa won't visit this year (7%)



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an exotic and expensive process

- Mango and Greek yoghurt: Culinary triumph. We had to physically stop him stealing the bowl.
- Papaya and Greek yoghurt: A spectacular fusion of the exotic sweetness of papaya with the thick creamy consistency of Greek yoghurt was T's verdict.
- Cantaloupe melon and papaya: Bravissimo, a delight for the senses, he gestured.
- Turnip and potato: 'It'll do if you've run out of papaya' was the message
- Butternut squash: Not bad but is there no papaya in the fridge?
- Swede and potato: He struggled to find any excitement in this dish so chose to dribble it out of his mouth.

- Avocado and milk: Surprisingly popular.
- Banana and milk: Tasty although spoilt by his overindulgence and my inability to judge quantities. What seemed a small amount to me was a lot to Thomas so it reappeared all over the kitchen floor.
- Plain avocado: We had a savoury rival to papaya.
- Avocado and potato: 'Why do this to the lovely green stuff' he intimated.

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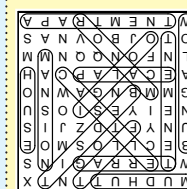
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Kerry Devine brings her atmospheric sound to Metal this Friday



■ **Kerry Devine, Metal, Chalkwell Hall, Chalkwell, Southend, Friday, May 11**
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RETURNING FROM THE DARK SIDE

SINCE WINNING THE X FACTOR, MATT CARDLE HAS HAD HIS UPS AND DOWNS AS HE TELLS **MARTIN NEAL**

WHEN Essex boy Matt Cardle captured the nation's hearts by winning the X Factor in 2010 it seemed he had the world at his feet. His rousing rendition of Biff Clyro's *Many of Horror* (renamed *When We Collide* for the ITV talent show) he had teary-eyed TV viewers leaping from their settees all the way from Barnstaple to Buckie, a guaranteed Christmas No 1 just around the corner and a £1m recording contract in his back pocket.

He'd even beaten One Direction – who went on to be the biggest boyband in the world – into second place. What could possibly go wrong?

Well as Halstead-raised Matt, now 34, admits, the stresses, strains and demands of instant fame took their toll. He became addicted to Tramadol – sometimes known as Hillbilly Crack – and alcohol.

In his darkest days he feared he'd never make music again, but now he's back – clean, reinvigorated and promoting his first album since 2013.

"It's something that at one point I never thought I'd do," he admitted of *Time To Be Alive*, which was released by Sony Music last Friday (May 4), preceded by the first single from it, *Desire*, which came out last month.

Revealing the background to his descent into drug and alcohol dependency, he said: "No-one really prepares you for it (the pressure of fame).

"On the way up it's great, everyone wants to hold doors open for you, talk to you and get you on their show. I loved it – who wouldn't?"

"When I won the X Factor, it was the most-watched final ever – 17 million people watched it.

"At that time even Chris Martin of Coldplay could walk down Oxford Street and not be recognised. But I couldn't! Everyone knew who I was and I hadn't even had an album out!"

"It's a weird situation for

anyone to be in. It's a funny place to start your career. It takes a lot of time to figure out who you are and what you are doing."

Matt's battle with his demons lasted two years until he sought help.

"I had no idea at the time if I'd make another album," he admitted. "But with the help of friends, family, some fully-trained professional people and my manager, I started to sort myself out."

In 2015 he took the lead role of Huey Calhoun in the West End hit musical *Memphis*, and began writing *Time To Be Alive* – the title reflecting his renewed enthusiasm for life after getting clean.



Matt Cardle won the X Factor in 2010

Deliberately taking his time to pen his new material, he's re-emerged with a new sound, fusing electronica, gospel, rock and soul on a 14-track record that reveals his personal battles and how he won them.

"If I can't write a rock solid album in four years, I should go and do something else," joked Matt as he revealed his pride in the new release. "It's by far the best piece of work I've ever done."

Of its lyrical content he said: "Ninety per cent of songs are about heartbreak and love and my previous three albums were like that, but I didn't want to do that this time."

Matt talks like a winner, riding on the crest of a wave after winning his battle and getting back to doing what he does best. So what can we expect next?

"I'm taking it one step at a time," said Matt. "I'm cr*p at planning for the future!"

What is certain, though, is that he'll be back in North Essex, the place he calls home despite being born in Southampton, to visit his folks. "I was properly raised in Essex," he said.

"I grew up on the Essex/Suffolk border. My childhood was all about playing in fields and climbing trees – I loved it. My mum and dad still live there so I come back to see them."

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LIVE REVIEWS

■ **Jon Boden and the Remnant Kings, Civic Theatre, Chelmsford**
It's not often folk music and a post-apocalyptic vision collide, but Jon Boden and the Remnant Kings took the audience at Chelmsford's Civic Theatre into this singular vision.

From the start of the show, the audience were invited to imagine an abandoned city, taken over for the night by young people from the outlying countryside who are lighting up the ruins with fireworks and flames for a Beltane/Diwali carnival.

Certainly not what was expected from the co-founder member of folk-rock big band Bellowhead, but it soon became apparent the apocalyptic vision was a platform to answer the question, what songs would survive when there is no more electricity to power instruments?

Under the expert guidance of Boden, the Remnant Band displayed virtuoso skills, with particularly good performances from the string section and at one point a pleasant interjection from a clarinet.

We are taken into a dark city



and introduced to a young man searching for a striking lady he has seen before. Upon finding her the two embark on a one night romance against the backdrop of a hedonistic 'post-oil' society.

The sense of love and life amid decay is prevalent throughout, reflected in original songs such as *Moths In The Gas Light*, *Fires of Midnight* and *All The Stars Are Coming Out Tonight*.

Drawing us further into his world, Boden revealed popular songs which have survived the breakdown of society, now stripped down to be played on traditional instruments. Whitney Houston's *I Want To Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)* becomes an accordion-led waltz and new depth is added to Kate Bush's *Hounds of Love* with acoustic guitar work.

An immersive evening of thought-provoking music enjoyed by all and certain to be remembered.

Glen Oldershaw

MUSIC

“I had no idea if I'd make another album. But with help, I started to sort myself out

Matt Cardle on battling his demons



■ **Frank Turner**
Cliffs Pavilion, Southend
Having been warmed up by the excellent Homeless Gospel Choir and The Arkells, who set a high bar for the headline act to follow, the audience was

very much in the mood for what, as Frank reminded us and apologised for several times, was his first appearance in Southend since he supported a man with a rude name and his Gang at Chinnerys more than a decade ago. Things have moved on a bit since.

Releasing albums regularly means that the set is always kept fresh at a Frank Turner show and a liberal helping of his new, more pop-influenced material added a new and well-received dimension.

Peggy Sang the Blues and Long Live the Queen were notable absentees but there was plenty from the back catalogue too – Photosynthesis, Glory Hallelujah and Reasons Not To Be An Idiot among the picks from the main set, while Father's Day and The Ballad of Me and My Friends took us quite wonderfully back to the early days as the band took what their “union break”.

Whatever Frank does, he does with passion, energy and enthusiasm and that's what

makes his shows so enjoyable.

He's always been good at connecting with his audience as well as awareness of matters close to his heart too, and the message from his latest album Be More Kind was one he was keen to push.

Tell someone you're a fan of Frank Turner and they'll either answer “he's a genius” or “who?” Hopefully he'll not leave it as long before he returns and those who are missing out can see what the fuss is about.

Martin Neal

LIVE MUSIC



The Vibrators come to Westcliff on Friday

Punk pioneers in town

PUNK pioneers The Vibrators headline a pogo-tastic night of spikey-top rock in Westcliff this week.

Famous for punk classics such as We Vibrate, Baby Baby and Automatic Lover, they're guaranteed to get The venue at the Cricketers pub in London Road rocking on Friday night.

A full supporting bill includes The Outfit – the punk/rock/rap side project of Cockney Rejects frontman Jeff Turner – along with Jay Vee and the Cardinal Sins and Platypus!

Tickets are a snip at £10; buy them online at www.ticketsource.co.uk

DOWN THE PUB



The Collectors come to Colchester on Saturday

The Collectors are a four-piece mod band who hail from Harwich. As well as mod classics they play Britpop and R&B, and you can check them out at the Bull, Colchester, this Saturday.

Gigs for May 11-13:

■ **Star & Garter, Moulsham Street,**

Chelmsford: Saturday – The Strides

■ **The Bull, Colchester:** Friday – Beggar; Saturday – The Collectors

■ **Cricketers, Southend:** Friday – Billy Liar; Saturday – 7786

■ **Wheatsheaf, Writtle:** Saturday – The Statins

■ **Horse & Groom, Braintree:** Saturday – The Stents

■ **Waggon at Wix:** Saturday – Kio

■ **Golden Fleece, Chelmsford:** Friday – Frog On A Rocket; Saturday – Cakehole Mafia

■ **Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend:** Friday (8pm) – Paraffin Blues/Double Headed Jester

■ **Boars Head, Braintree:** Friday – Enemy of The Lion

■ **Benfleet Tavern, Benfleet:** Saturday – No More Heroes

■ **Cow & Telescope, Southend:** Friday – Electrum; Saturday – Mr Spankey & The Hipthrusters

■ **Smugglers Den, Hullbridge:** Saturday – Mischief

FILM REVIEWS

With Damon Smith

ALSO OUT THIS WEEK



Clive Owen in *Anon*

Photo: Sky UK Limited

ANON (15) ★★★★★

PUBLISHED in 1949, George Orwell's scarily prescient novel 1984 issued stark warnings about government surveillance, ideological manipulation and societal fragmentation to those who were willing to read and listen.

Many of Orwell's concerns have been echoed in the work of New Zealand-born writer-director Andrew Niccol, who tampered with genetics in his eye-catching 1997 debut *Gattaca* before deservedly earning an Oscar nomination for his script for *The Truman Show* starring Jim Carrey.

Big Brother is closely watching all of us in Niccol's latest dystopian thriller, a polished exercise in style over substance that promises far more than it delivers.

Anon unfolds in a bleak future where citizens of the world are permanently hard-wired to a vast cloud network called *The Ether*, which stores memories, visual and audio information as date- and time-encoded records.

Anyone can access their own personal data and relive the past – good or bad – in their mind's eye or share fragments with friends and family, but it is impossible to amend or delete events from a timeline. Or so goes the theory.

Police detective Sal Frieland (Clive Owen) and colleague Charles Gattois (Colm Feore) are part of this sharply suited band of crime-fighters, who meticulously sift through the Ether under the aegis of Commissioner Joseph Kenik (Iddo Goldberg).

Lawmakers have the power to seize anyone's records and sombrely confront suspected murderers, adulterers and cheats with undeniable evidence of their wrongdoing.

New world order is thrown into dizzying disarray when a hacker called *Anon* (Amanda Seyfried) finds a way to edit timelines and conceal the misdemeanours of her wealthy clientele.

Sal goes undercover with the police department's technical wizard Lester Goodman (Joe Pingue) to entrap *Anon*.

The hacker proves a slippery adversary. "It's not that I have something to hide," *Anon* coolly informs Sal. "It's that I have nothing I want you to see."

Unperturbed, the police gain access to *Anon*'s stream of visual data and they are impressed by her reluctance to fill her warehouse apartment with the latest technology.

Anon walks the beat at a plodding, pedestrian pace.

The flawed logic of a faltering script is matched by thinly sketched characters and an achingly predictable attempt to pull the narrative from under our feet that we see coming before Niccol has a firm hold on the rug.

Owen's largely lifeless performance hints at the monotony of Sal's unedifying existence but also seems to reflect the soporific stupor that settles on the picture in its early stages.

Niccol's script keeps Seyfried's techno-rebel at arm's length so there is never any danger of us forming an emotional attachment to her.

She logs in and we tune out.

THE
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FILM



Rosamund Pike stars as Brigitte Kuhlmann in hijacking thriller *Entebbe*

Photo: Entertainment One/Liam Daniel

Lacklustre thriller

ENTEBBE (12A) ★★★★★

The real-life hijacking of an Air France flight in June 1976 by members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and a subsequent rescue mission led by Israeli Defence Forces (IDF), are terrific raw ingredients for an edge-of-seat geo-political thriller.

Director Jose Padilha would seem to be the perfect choice to mercilessly crank up tension as the fates of terrorists, hostages and commandos collide head-on at *Entebbe* airport in Uganda.

The award-winning Brazilian filmmaker stormed the festival circuit in 2007 with his nerve-jangling debut *Elite Squad*, a gritty, propulsive portrait of crime, punishment and sweat-drenched machismo set in the crime-riddled favelas of Rio de Janeiro.

Regrettably, the qualities that set *Elite Squad* apart more than a decade ago are sorely lacking from this crushingly dull modern history lesson penned by Gregory Burke, which bungles the IDF's storming of the airport terminal, taking the fight to the terrorists, by relying on a surfeit of slow-motion camerawork.

The most exciting element of Padilha's underwhelming film is a contemporary dance performance that punctuates all of the turgid to and fro between members of the Israeli cabinet led by Yitzhak Rabin and the hostage takers.

Dancers are expressive and expertly choreographed but the dramatisation that waltzes around them is depressingly flat-footed.

Shortly after Air France flight 139 departs Tel Aviv carrying predominantly Israeli and Jewish passengers, German revolutionaries Wilfried Bose

(Daniel Bruhl) and Brigitte Kuhlmann (Rosamund Pike) and their accomplices retrieve guns from hand luggage and storm the cockpit.

The terrorists divert the plane to Benghazi in Libya, where Wilfried clashes with flight engineer Jacques Le Moine (Denis Menochet) during several hours on the runway to refuel.

Eventually, exhausted passengers touch down in Uganda, where they become the guests of the country's fearsome president, Idi Amin (Nonso Anozie).

Rabin (Lior Ashkenazi) and the rest of the Israeli cabinet, including minister of defence Shimon Peres (Eddie Marsan), are faced with a ransom demand: the lives of the passengers in exchange for the release of prisoners.

While Rabin advocates diplomacy to defuse a volatile situation, Peres refuses to negotiate with terrorists and conceives a daring plan for IDF forces, including Zeev Hirsch (Ben Schnetzer) and Yonatan Netanyahu (Angel Bonanni), to neutralise the threat in a daring raid.

"If I were still a general, I would never approve this mission," laments Rabin as he shoulders the burden of his country's expectations of a bloodless resolution to the crisis.

Entebbe takes 107 turgid minutes to oscillate back and forth between the two camps, reiterating conflicting political stances without delving into the meaty back stories of the characters spouting those words.

Bruhl and Pike are squandered in thankless roles devoid of verbal fireworks and emotional complexity.

When the dust settles on the climactic shootout, we feel nothing for the faceless and the fallen.



Daniel Bruhl as Wilfried Bose and Denis Menochet as Jacques Le Moine in *Entebbe*

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HOTSEAT

People are in for an unexpected treat...

London-born actor Benedict Cumberbatch stars in *Patrick Melrose*, a new five-part series based on the much-loved novels by Edward St Aubyn. The 41-year-old Sherlock star tells **GEMMA DUNN** more about his troubled character, who suffered an abusive childhood and drug-addled adulthood

How did you find yourself involved with the TV adaptation of *Patrick Melrose*?
(PRODUCERS) Michael Jackson and Rachael Horovitz had the rights to the *Patrick Melrose* series of books by Edward St Aubyn and they came to me.

I knew there'd be a broad bracket of actors who had also probably read the books and gone, "Hmm, wouldn't mind a stab at that".

I was just very, very lucky to be in the right place at the right time.

Tell us a bit more about your troubled character.

PATRICK is a character desperate to distance himself from his terrible childhood and as a result is, psychologically, all over the place.

He's addicted to drugs and near suicidal, but also incredibly funny and brilliant.

At the heart of the subject matter was something that angled a world that I thought I knew, and it turned it on its head through the perspective of this really unique character who suffers so much and goes on this extraordinary journey from victimhood to survivor.

Did you talk to any addicts in order to play him?

YES, a wonderful husband-and-wife team, Cher and Russell from 3D Research. They worked with us in an advisory capacity and are professional advisers to many different professional bodies about addiction and drug abuse.

They also have struggled with addiction themselves and were incredibly candid and encouraging and supporting throughout the whole creative process, in rehearsals and for the duration of the production.

Have you met *Patrick Melrose* author Edward St Aubyn too?

YES – we'd met socially before, but after I was involved I didn't want to approach Teddy too early.

I didn't want to start scrabbling around and trying to understand him and Patrick too early.

Then I bumped into him at a party. He said, 'Are these books happening?' I said, 'Yes, they definitely are'. He was generous and incredibly good company.

In 2012, you said this was the one part that you wanted to play.

I REMEMBER saying it at a fan convention in Australia. I also said Hamlet – those are the only two roles that I'd ever bucket listed.

The last (*Patrick Melrose*) novel had been published in 2011 and that was the year I'd started to read the series. It's an awful thing to say, considering how monstrous some of these people are, but I just felt that I had a slight lock in to the world.

I had a little understanding of that milieu – the brilliance but coldness of the cynicism and the irony.

You're also producing. What challenges did you face, being the producer and the lead actor?
YOU have to wear different hats at

different times. On some occasions I found that a little bit confusing, but mainly I was more of a producer in prep and pre-production.

When I'm not busy as an actor, I do look into the producing and directing side of things – but seeing the amount of work that (director) Edward Berger had directing all five episodes, right now is not a good time.

I have two small children (Christopher, two, and one-year-old Hal with his wife Sophie Hunter) and acting in that part was quite enough.

Was *Patrick Melrose* a difficult role to play in terms of the tough subjects tackled?

THE hardest task was containing that amount of hurt and pain, having to go to a place where that was coursing through his veins and tipping him towards chaotic, self-destructive behaviour.

Some of the scenes in the hotel room are pretty tough. It's like a one-man show when he starts trashing the hotel room – these schizoid voices come out and start dialoguing with one another, so I'm talking to myself. That was a weird day at the office, let's put it that way.

How easy is it to switch off once the cameras stop rolling?

I'VE learned over many occasions to leave the work on screen, go home in the car, turn on the radio and start to let go so that I walk in the door and it's not: 'How was your day?' 'WELL, I was looking at my dead dad, thinking of him raping me and then I injected cocaine into my left ankle and smashed up a hotel room before near overdosing on heroin and waking up surrounded by blood, vomit and needles. You know, the norm!'

What should people expect?

I THINK people are in for a bit of an unexpected treat.

I hope they'll be really entertained by some extraordinary material rendered by some of our most loved actors, young and old, and shot in a novel and beautiful way. I hope people are going to want to read the

books. The *Patrick Melrose* books are an extraordinary achievement in 21st-century literature.

They'll stand the test of time, so let's hope our adaptation does.

■ *Patrick Melrose* will air on Sky Atlantic and NOW TV from Sunday, May 13 at 9pm.



Benedict and wife Sophie Hunter at the premiere of *Patrick Melrose* in LA



Cumberbatch: Benedict as *Patrick Melrose* in the Sky Atlantic adaptation



Benedict Cumberbatch pictured on the red carpet

SPOTLIGHT



Leslie Caron and Gene Kelly in *An American in Paris*

People say Gene Kelly was a tough task master. He was, but he was a very good friend and he took care of me

French-born dancer and Hollywood star Leslie Caron tells **MARION McMULLEN** that movie legend Gene Kelly would be proud of the new stage version of *An American in Paris*

How did your film debut in 1951 movie *An American in Paris* come about?

GENE Kelly spotted me on an opening night of a ballet I was dancing. I was the principal and he remembered me a year later when he was doing *An American in Paris*. Cyd Charisse was going to do the movie but became pregnant.

(Laughs) Gene had tried to meet me the opening night of the ballet, but I was just a very young girl, just 17, and had gone home without waiting for well-wishers in the dressing room. I didn't know that tradition.

Did you know who Gene Kelly was?

I HAD never heard of him and I think he knew it. As soon as I arrived, he put together all his famous roles one after another on one superb film and he had it projected for me so I knew the work he did.

How was your English at the time?

NON-EXISTENT. My mother was American and my father, being part of a distinguished family, had English nannies and they would speak together in English when they did not want the children to understand.

I had just a small notion of English – not even enough to go into a restaurant.

Gene would give me the lines in the movie and I would just imitate him and do it phonetically and he would just make fun of me.

What was it like working with the famous song and dance man?

HE would watch out for me. He was very paternal. People say he had the reputation of being a tough taskmaster and, yes, he was, but he was a very good friend and he took care of me.

Saturday night I could always go to his house and the door was always open to me as his friend.

He was a really good guy. He discovered quite a few people and gave so many a chance. He used to turn me to face towards the camera during filming and would say 'Honey, look at the camera otherwise your grandmother won't know you are in the film.'

How did you find leaving Paris to film in Hollywood?

GOING to America was like going to the moon back then. It took about 30 hours and you had to change planes and stop for refuelling so many times. It was an adventure.

California was like another world. They used to tell me how they had suffered during the war and could only have on chocolate bar a week.

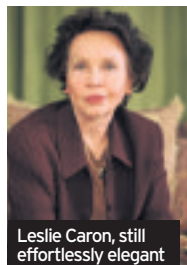
It made me feel a little isolated and a little lonely. They didn't know how bad it had been in Europe.

The stage version of *An American in Paris* is about to be broadcast in cinemas. What is it like seeing it again?

IT'S exciting. I'm so thrilled to see something that we started, I don't know how many years ago, is still inspiring young people. It is just



An American in Paris



Leslie Caron, still effortlessly elegant

magical. I'm so proud to be part of that. I've met the wonderful people involved. Chris Wheelton is a fabulous choreographer, Robert Fairchild plays the male lead and Leanne Cope the role I played, Lise.

They are wonderful performers and Leanne can sing as well as dance, which I couldn't do. I was really impressed.

It would have been unbearable if I had not felt they were terrific. I would really have been angry, but they were so good and work so hard.

They wanted to know everything about our film and how it came about and how we worked. I think Gene would have been very proud of this version as well.

What is the enduring appeal of this musical?

THE music of Gershwin. It's as simple as that. It all started with great music and then they came up with a plot to go around the music and songs. It was the way it was done in those days.

I remember on Saturdays the creatives, the writers, the different

musicians, the pianist, everybody, would get together and discuss what they been doing. It was the same story when they created the plot for *Singin' In The Rain*.

What is it like playing Countess Mavrodaki in ITV drama *The Durrells*?

(LAUGHS) I've just done a little bit. At one stage the director was my son's half-brother, my grandson was playing one of the roles and my son was one of the producers. It made me feel comfortable having everyone around.

You are an extremely stylish 86-year-old. What is your secret?

I GUESS dancing keeps you fit and gives you a great deal of discipline. I don't eat cake and I don't have scones except once a year. I am very careful about my food and I don't drink and I don't smoke.

I still do my exercises, believe it or not. I take my dog to the park and he goes running, running, running, but then he knows it's my turn.

He's a Shih Tzu and they are good guard dogs. He sits with his back to me and surveys everything and makes sure everything is OK and I do some kicks and stretches. It's my routine.

■ **STAGE** hit *An American in Paris* will be broadcast in cinemas on Wednesday, May 16. Visit AnAmericanInParisCinema.com



PAUL Merton's *Improv Chums*, above, are already planning ahead for a nationwide tour next year.

The *Have I Got News For You* regular will be taking to the road with Lee Simpson, Richard Vranich, Suki Webster, Mike McShane and accompanist Kirsty Newton to flex their improvisational muscles. The tour launches in April next year.

■ **GO** to paulmerton.com for details.



EXPECT a mix of wisecracking comedy and music as the multi-award winning *Sons of Pitches*, above, embark on a 26-date UK tour later this year.

The *100 Number One Hits* show sees the guys attempt to hit their target of performing 100 legendary tracks in just one evening.

■ **TICKET** details available from thesonsofpitches.co.uk

VICTORIA actor David Oakes, right, has said schools should teach lesser known plays by the Bard.

David, who plays Prince Ernest in the ITV drama, says: "I think maybe if we spent more time on trying to broaden people's horizons of Shakespeare they might find something more interesting to latch onto."

He recently appeared with Outnumbered's Hugh Dennis in a one-off charity performance of the *Trial Of Richard III* featuring real-life criminal barristers.



FOOD & DRINK



Ingredients:

(Serves 12-15)
215g sugar; 2tsp ground cinnamon; 1.5L plus 2tbsp vegetable oil (ideally flavourless, like sunflower); 500ml water; ½tsp salt; ½tsp vanilla extract; 240g plain flour

For the chocolate sauce:
100g dark chocolate; 185ml plant-based milk; 40g sugar; ½tsp vanilla extract

METHOD:

1. First, make the chocolate sauce. Break the chocolate into a small saucepan with the plant-based milk, sugar and vanilla. Stir to a smooth sauce. Transfer to a serving bowl and set aside.

2. Next, sprinkle 115g of the other batch of sugar, plus cinnamon, over a large plate and set aside. **3.** Pour the 1.5 litres of oil into the large saucepan so that it comes a third of the way up the sides of the pan. Heat the oil to about 180°C.

4. Meanwhile, put the water, the remaining 100g sugar, the two tablespoons of vegetable oil, salt and vanilla extract into the medium saucepan and place on a high heat.

Bring to the boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Remove from the heat, add the flour and beat vigorously with a wooden spoon until it forms a thick, sticky dough. Spoon the mixture into an oiled piping bag. **5.** Pipe six churros onto the lined baking tray, each one about 10-15cm long. Carefully transfer the churros to the hot oil (if you're feeling brave, you can pipe them straight into the oil, but be careful!). Fry for eight to 10 minutes, until golden and cooked through. Use a wooden spoon to move them around if they stick together. **6.** Remove the churros with a slotted spoon and lay on the kitchen paper for one minute to drain. While they're still hot, transfer to the cinnamon-sugar plate and roll until completely covered. Repeat with the remaining dough. Serve with chocolate sauce.

CULTURE CHOC
SPANISH BEACH CHURROS

Vloggers Henry Firth and Ian Theasby tell **PRUDENCE WADE** about their mission to make plant-based eating simpler for all

VEGANISM has been on something of a PR rollercoaster in recent years. Not that long ago it was the remit of shoeless hippies then, as it crept closer to the mainstream, it was seized by the young and rich of Instagram.

But why shouldn't it be for everyone? That's what Henry Firth and Ian Theasby, the duo behind BOSH!, think. They aren't here to take down Insta-vegans, nor are they fighting meat-eaters. Instead, they just want to show people that the plant-based lifestyle can be easy, tasty, and totally non-judgemental.

BOSH! started life as a wildly popular online video series, and now the pals and business partners are taking the next step with a cookbook.

Ian became vegan first, and says: "To be honest, it wasn't easy to begin with, but it has proven to be the best thing I've ever done."

Henry jokes: "I thought it was ridiculous! We were living together at the time and I was eating a lot of meat."

"I remember him cooking these disgraceful curries and telling me they were vegan – they didn't look appealing at all."

However, it didn't take long for Henry to get involved. Like many people, it was a Netflix documentary that changed his mind.

"We watched Cowspiracy together and it was like a switch flipped in my brain," he says.

The former Sheffield school friends had worked together before, and decided their newest venture would be vegan cooking and so BOSH! was born in 2016.

Power plants



Ian Theasby and Henry Firth of BOSH!

Unlike many Insta-vegans, the guys are far from militant. "We're not advocates for the whole world going vegan, we just want people to eat more plants. That's our message," Henry states.

Thankfully, they're not alone in wanting to help give veganism a new name. "I think more and more, it's fine to be vegan, to have a vegan meal, and to be friends with vegans. Lots of athletes and celebrities are plant-based, like Lewis Hamilton, Miley Cyrus, Serena Williams and Zac Efron," Henry says.

"I think the fact neither of us are traditionally trained chefs has really resonated with our channel and helped us grow, because it's what you would call everyday food," Henry explains. "It's not some fancy-schmancy salad with quinoa and silly ingredients you can only buy in Wholefoods, it's just normal food."

The focus might be on simple staples, but this doesn't mean BOSH! doesn't mix it up a bit too. Ian credits his DJ background as inspiration for mashing recipes up – such as their 'guacaroni' (guacamole and macaroni) and burrito samosas.

From fish and chips to spaghetti bolognese, the boys want to show that a vegan diet doesn't mean you have to stop eating your favourites – and neither do you have to go from zero to hero overnight. It's fine to dip your toes in and find ways that makes plant-based eating work for you.

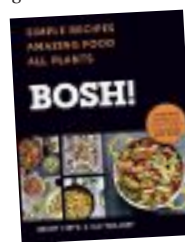
"Three years ago, we spotted that there was a real problem – people wanted to eat plant-based

food but there really wasn't a decent source of easy-to-follow, hearty, healthy, nice-tasting recipes, and we kind of filled that void," Henry says.

If you're interested in giving a plant-based diet a go, but aren't sure where to start, the Bosh! boys offer this simple advice: "The first question to ask yourself is, 'How can I get my favourite foods?'"

"You want to know what Indian and Chinese food you can eat, or of you want to make lasagne or a roast, how you're going to do that," says Henry. "It's about turning the 'meat-eater's cravings into vegan form.' Sounds good, right?"

■ BOSH! by Henry Firth and Ian Theasby (left) is published by HQ, HarperCollins, priced £20.



THAT feeling when jeans are halfway through the wash cycle you think 'No – the pockets!' It wasn't money I was worried about, or a cherished photograph, but herbs from the Languedoc in the south of France. They'd been tugged off bushes on the edges of a vineyard by one of today's most successful winemakers.

The herbs represented so much. The enthusiasm of the man – Jean-Claude Mas – for his surroundings; his love for the land and the impact of the land on his wines. Jean-Claude was taking me on a tour of his vineyards in a rip-roaring buggy ride, pointing out vignier, chardonnay, grenache gris and many many more grape varieties. When he handed me the herbs; I crunched them and could smell the amazing "garrigue" of

RAISE A GLASS

WITH JANE CLARE



the landscape – wild plants from the hills in this part of the Mediterranean.

Red wines can be described as having a "garrigue" influence – and right there I understood. It's a pot-pourri of aromas, of earth, of greenery, of vegetation. I tucked the herbs in my pocket to await their fate.

Jean-Claude Mas more than understands the wine alchemy he can create from his land. He has the Midas touch for producing great-value wines under his brand Domaines

Paul Mas. He began with 35 hectares of inherited land from his father (Paul Mas) in 2000 and only 18 years later he has 13 estates – the 13th acquisition confirmed as I sat in his tasting room sipping wines available in the UK (Aldi, Waitrose, Morrisons, Co-op and Majestic are just several stockists).

He knows what his customers want. He says: "The past has no interest to me; I'm always looking to the future. Yes of course, we can learn from the past to be sure, but to be static is crazy. We are always forward-thinking."

As we tasted and chatted I asked him to select two wines he'd personally want to sip at home; these are the two. The white is The

Elegant Frog (£7.50, Sainsbury) which is 100% vignier and is waxy and creamy with apricot and orange peel notes. The red is **Côte Mas Rouge** (£7.99 or £6.99 in a buy-six deal at Majestic) – just think intense, fruity, blackberry jam!

A couple of days ago I was in the Co-op and spotted the distinctive label of **Silene Limoux Chardonnay** (£9.99) which is lush with buttery notes, butterscotch and pineapple and is super-fresh and fruity.

I'd tasted it with Jean-Claude and wanted to tell shoppers how delicious it is, but no-one looked my way. But at least you know.

Space does not allow me to share ALL the wines I loved, so I'll dot

them around soonish; but here are a couple more. **Paul Mas Vinus Clairette** (£8, Morrisons) Jean-Claude is keen to resurrect the clairette grape first planted in the region by the Romans. It is intense with citrus notes and a fleck of apple. I've got to add a fizz **Paul Mas Prima Perla Grand Reserve Chardonnay** (£10.99, in a buy-six at Majestic) which displays stone fruits, vanilla and toasty notes and is a moreish delight. **PS** A tangle of herbs emerged from the washing. They're my crunched-up (and very clean) memory of the Languedoc.

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BEAUTY COUNTER

GLOSS ADJUSTMENT

AFTER YEARS OF MATTE LIPSTICK DOMINATION, IT'S TIME FOR YOUR LIPS TO SHINE ONCE MORE, SAYS KATIE WRIGHT

LOOKING back at beauty trends from the last few years, one major question comes to mind: What did we do before matte lipstick? Lips saturated with colour but devoid of shine have become so ubiquitous – on and off the catwalks – it's hard to remember what we actually put on our pouts before the velvet revolution took hold.

But fashion is a fickle beast, and suddenly on the spring catwalks, we saw – almost out of nowhere – glossy lips all over the place. And do you know what? They looked good.

There was the fresh fuchsia hue at Chanel (complemented with flushed pink cheeks and eyes) and a lustrous blood red at Haider Ackermann, created by Inge Grogard for MAC, by layering matte liquid lip with lashings of clear lip gloss (so you don't have to ditch your mattes just yet).

"Lip liner is essential for preventing your lip gloss from bleeding, and creating the illusion of fuller lips," advises Collection make-up artist Francesca Neill.

"Draw the line softly, slightly outside the natural curve of the lip, for a fuller finish."

Elsewhere, lips were left nude and enhanced with clear gloss; at Tadashi Shoji, they added a perfectly polished finish to a look that focused on aqua eyes.

"There is nothing worse than dry, chapped lips when creating a high-gloss lip look," Francesca continues, "so I would recommend prepping your lips with a lip oil, to hydrate the lips without the stickiness of a traditional balm."

Glossy lips are back... and they look good

But the most exciting high-shine look was at Halpern SS18.

Mirroring the heavily embellished and sequinned clothes on the catwalk, lips were given a

holographic shimmer, courtesy of the new MAC Grand Illusion gloss.

Right on time, the spring beauty collections are full of 3D-effect glosses, along with bold colours,

nourishing oils and nudes to suit every skin tone.

Want to get the gloss? Take your pick from the season's slickest buys...

There is nothing worse than dry, chapped lips when creating a high-gloss lip look

Collection make-up artist Francesca Neill

Blood red: A model backstage at Haider Ackermann SS18



CLAIRE SPREADBURY gets to grips with the Foreo UFO, which promises spa-level skincare in a minute-and-a-half

FOREO'S new UFO – which stands for Ur Future Obsession – is the world's first smart mask.

Using specially formulated sheet masks and a good-looking gadget, the UFO delivers LED light therapy with cryotherapy, thermotherapy and T-Sonic pulsations. Your facial is complete in just 90 seconds.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

THERE are two sheet masks available for the UFO

– the Make My Day and Call It A Night. The daytime option contains a hydrating and anti-pollution formula to help achieve soft, glowing skin, while the night-time mask replenishes and smooths skin while you sleep.

To use the device, remove the attachment ring from the UFO, place the sheet mask over the top, and replace the ring to secure it. Press the on button (once for Make My Day, twice for Call It A Night) and the UFO goes to work.

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE?

USING the device is incredibly easy – you just move it around your face (skin should be clean and dry) using circular motions until the UFO turns itself off. You feel different sensations, depending on which therapy is being used, from vibrations to heat, but it all feels lovely and comfortable.

DOES THE UFO DELIVER RESULTS?

THE answer is 'yes'. To be fair, you'd be pretty miffed if it didn't, as a UFO will set you back £249.

But the fact it can give your complexion a boost in just 90 seconds is impressive – not to mention massively efficient.

■ Foreo UFO – in fuchsia, mint or pearl pink, £249 (foreo.com).

CELEB SECRET

DENIM is a fashion favourite of This Morning presenter Lisa Snowdon, right. "A nice pair of jeans always goes a long way," says the 46-year-old. "Dark denim always looks really nice on TV with a nice jacket or blouse."



Collection Liquid Lip Colour in In The Buff, £4.99, Superdrug (superdrug.com)



Barry M Gloss Me Up in PDA, £4.99 (barrym.com)

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Manuka Doctor ApiRefine Lip Oil, £16.99 (manuka-doctor.co.uk)

Tom Ford Patent Finish Lip Colour in Infamy, £36, John Lewis (johnlewis.com)



MAC Grand Illusion Glossy Liquid Lipcolour in Let's Rock, £18 (maccosmetics.co.uk)



Laura Geller Colour Luster Lip Gloss Hi-Def Top Coat in Gilded Honey, £15, Cult Beauty (cultbeauty.co.uk)



Beauty Pie Wondergloss Lip Oil, £26, £3.77 for members (beautypie.com)



Too Faced Magic Crystal Transforming Lip Topper in Unicorn Tears, £16, Debenhams (debenhams.com)

CYO Take A Shine Lip Gloss in Rule The School, £4, Boots (boots.com)



STYLE GUIDE

Ahead of the launch of her new Very range, **KATIE WRIGHT** meets Michelle Keegan to talk catwalks, clothes and confidence

UPSTAIRS at a trendy London events space, it's all go as black-clad staff bustle about a flower-festooned catwalk, and gleaming champagne glasses are lined up ready for the evening's VIP guests.

But downstairs in a private dressing room, all is calm as Michelle Keegan's glam team put the finishing touches to her hair and make-up, ready for her impending runway appearance.

"It's been quite a chilled day for me," the actress says with a laugh. "I just sat there eating lunch and drinking coffee!"

But the 30-year-old, who rose to fame playing Tina McIntyre in *Coronation Street* until 2014, admits she finds this fashion show – to unveil her latest collection with online retailer Very.co.uk – more nerve-racking than shooting scenes for hit BBC series *Our Girl*, in which she stars as army medic, Lance Corporal Georgie Lane.

"I've never done stage before, so I feel like this is something quite similar to that, where I feel very exposed, especially walking in heels," she says.

"At least with TV, you can mess up and then redo it!"

"I'm just going to try and enjoy myself and listen to the music. A few of my friends are coming as well, so I'll have to just keep my eye on them."

"That's something that makes you very happy when you walk out." Will Michelle's husband, former *The Only Way Is Essex* star Mark Wright, also be watching proudly?

"No, he's in LA," she explains – the pair have been in a long distance relationship since he made the move stateside for a TV presenting job.

"I did speak to him this morning, he did really wish he could be here, but I said I'm going to film it (on my phone) and I'll send it over to him."

Here, the brunette beauty tells us more about the new Very collection, plus her biggest style regret and her future fashion ambitions...

Did you choose what you're wearing on the catwalk today?

"YES. There are so many outfits in my collection that I love but I think my favourite piece is the polka dot bodycon dress."

"I love that piece, so I had to wear it for the finale."

What was your inspiration for the spring/summer collection?

"SUMMER, that's the main thing for me. And a lot of floral prints – especially as summer is coming up and holiday



Very Michelle Keegan premium stretch leather ankle grazer trousers, reduced to £167.75 from £250, Very.co.uk

I'd love to have my own brand one day...

season is coming up as well. Also, I love the feminine fit, for example the bodycon dress with a little kick at the bottom of it, to accentuate the female body."

Could you see yourself doing a Victoria Beckham and launching your own fashion brand?

"OH MY God, I would love to! Don't get me wrong, I would love to have that in the future, but at the minute, I am just concentrating on each collection as it comes and I feel like I am in a very lucky position."

Looking back, do you have any fashion regrets, things you wish you hadn't worn?

"OH GOD yeah! In the early-Noughties especially, I would wear an outfit purely because it was on-trend, I didn't even think about whether it suited me or not."

"I wore a dress once to the National Television Awards – the colour was a bit wrong for me and the shape was a bit wrong, so it cut my body off and I wore feather eyelashes with it. Too much!"

"So what I say now is that simple is key."

What's the best fashion advice you've ever received?

"MY MUM said it to me



Very Michelle Keegan striped exaggerated sleeve dress, £90, Very.co.uk

years ago: As long as you feel comfortable and confident with what you're wearing, it shows. No matter what you're wearing, if you own it, it shows."

Do you prefer online shopping or browsing in stores?

"BROWSING in stores. I like going in stores and looking around and trying outfits on rather than seeing them on a computer screen – and then if they don't fit, sending them back. I find it a bit of a hassle."

Heels or trainers?

"TRAINERS. I wear them all day, sometimes I will also

Michelle wearing a Very Michelle Keegan printed peplum dress, £100, Very.co.uk



wear them on nights out. I just feel more comfortable in trainers."

Denim or leather?

"I WAS going say denim, but I have got some staple leather trousers that I constantly wear and I've had them for two years, so I have to say leather."

Athleisure or tailoring?

"TAILORING. I like a nice matching suit, whether it's jacket and shorts or jacket and trousers."

Skinny jeans or boyfriend jeans?

"SKINNY jeans. I do like boyfriend jeans but if I have to choose, it is skinny."

■ The Michelle Keegan For Very range is available now. See Very.co.uk for the full collection.

Michelle Keegan wearing a ruffle cold shoulder dress, £60, Very.co.uk

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BEAUTY BUZZ

THE LATEST PRODUCTS

& GLAMOUR

GOSSIP



CATCH ON TO COACH

COACH is a brand that has never really been on our radar but it has caught our eye in recent years with ad campaigns featuring the likes of Chloe Moretz and now Selena Gomez.

The clothing and accessories don't come cheap but this Coach Floral perfume is not only within our budget, it smells divine too, with notes that include rose tea, jasmine sambac and gardenia as well as patchouli essence. The bottle is also super pretty! Priced from £35 at Debenhams.

PERFUME PASSIONS

YOUNIQUE is best known for its cult hit 3D Fibre Lashes mascara, but that might change now it's branched into fragrance.

Its three Signature Scents (£48 each) are inspired by a good old-fashioned love letter, and are like a swoon in a bottle.

Well, who ever wanted to smell like a text message?

GET THE LOOK

JENNIFER LOPEZ was looking fabulous as the woman in white at the NBCUniversal Summer Press Day in LA.

Her sheer, ruched dress, right, was from August Getty Atelier and costs £441.36.

For a more budget-friendly option this white ruched Bardot dress

from isawit first.com, left, is a snip at £18.



CRUSH OF THE WEEK

Michelle Keegan is a fan of the matching suit. Try this mid-orange colour pop suit jacket, £58, and matching shorts, £35, available from Oasis (oasis-stores.com).



PUZZLE TIME

Pathfinder

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Booker Prize winners

J N B N E S K L L E L A R E A
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L I M S I T N G N A N A K E L
D R U I R A L S N B T E S W Y
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Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy

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Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

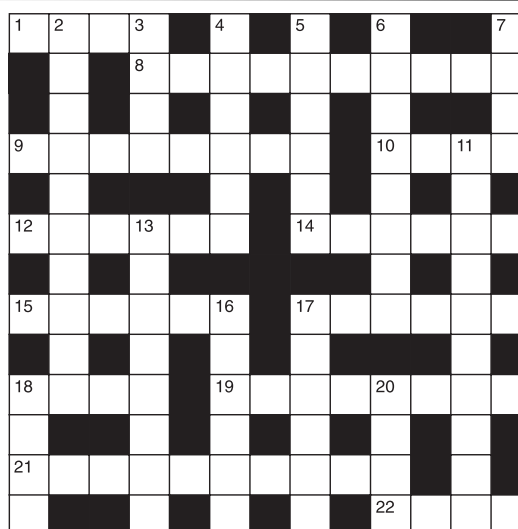
Cryptic

Across

- Nonplussed when given excellent service (4)
- Bad-tempered, like one with a tendency to poor health? (3-7)
- Headquarters dance is a popular attraction in U.S. (8)
- Tree used in building (4)
- I'd returned with transport for furniture (6)
- Cathy's upset by boats (6)
- They take orders for motors after six (6)
- One once to be seen in Darjeeling and Hindustan (6)
- Andy Edwards partly changed colour (4)
- Describing what remains from air duels (8)
- From which people watch splendid resistance (10)
- Two grenadiers hiding a monster (4)

Down

- What the prospective international footballer has! (10)
- Gets a good shake-up in the game (4)
- Fishing equipment - certainly not sinkers (6)
- Confer and talk in France before the end of the day (6)
- He keeps the local tax-collector (8)
- Sounds like the image of lazy people (4)
- He produces things for those who want to strike (10)
- Doesn't persist with a veto on university men (8)
- Pressure exerted on southern lock (6)
- Power worker - or dental anaesthetist? (3-3)
- Eastern deity making a comeback as Italian dignitary (4)
- Bird no longer seen to perform twice (4)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

- Beaten by a serve (4)
- Unpleasant (3-7)
- US sport (8)
- Citrus fruit (4)
- Couches (6)
- Boats (6)
- Clergymen (6)
- Former Indian leader (6)
- Coloured (4)
- Left over (8)
- Terraced block of seats (10)
- Giant (4)

Down

- Competence (10)
- Gaming cubes (4)
- Drifts (6)
- Discussion (6)
- Innkeeper (8)
- Inactive (4)
- Marriage arranger (10)
- Deserts (8)
- Tension (6)
- Utility worker (3-3)
- Italian magistrate (4)
- Extinct bird (4)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

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Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

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How you rate:

15 words - average; 20 words - good; 25 words - very good; 30 or more - excellent.

Quiz

- In which sitcom did Noel Fielding play a reclusive Goth called Richmond?
- Which acute viral infection passed on by animal bites is also called hydrophobia? Where in Cheshire is the site of the Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratories of the University of Manchester?
- What was the original name of heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali? Which branch of mathematics uses symbols to represent



Q1 - Noel Fielding

- unknown quantities? Of which African country is Rabat the capital?
- Which Old Testament character maintained his faith in God despite losing his family, property and health? What is the largest city in the United States by population? In what year did Margaret Thatcher become the first woman prime minister of the United Kingdom? Which Indian city gives its name to a style of riding breeches?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Chris Moyles, Trevor Nelson, Annie Mac, Matt Edmondson, Jo Whaley, Tony Blackburn, Fearnie Cotton, Greg James, Zane Lowe, Edith Bowman, Zoe Ball, Huw Stephens, Jameela Jamil, Scott Mills, Tim Westwood, Sara Cox, Mark Goodier, Gemma Cairney, Annie Nightingale, Nick Grimshaw, Danny Howard.

Quiz

- Five; 2. Pope John Paul II; 3. Lyndon B Johnson; 4. Paediatrics; 5. Wellington; 6. Algarve; 7. Sir Elton John; 8. Mata Hari; 9. Joan of Arc; 10. A dog.

Sudoku

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Codeword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 7 Olive; 8 Lawsuit; 9 Sharply; 10 Legal; 12 Court of law; 15 Loveliness; 18 Sprig; 19 Trachea; 21 Trainer; 22 Hedge.
Down: 1 Constables; 2 Midas; 3 Keep; 4 Player; 5 Swallows; 6 Cudgels; 11 Law-breaker; 13 Obliging; 14 Overtax; 16 Notary; 17 Chide; 20 Ache.

Wordsquare

CRUSADING

Split Decision

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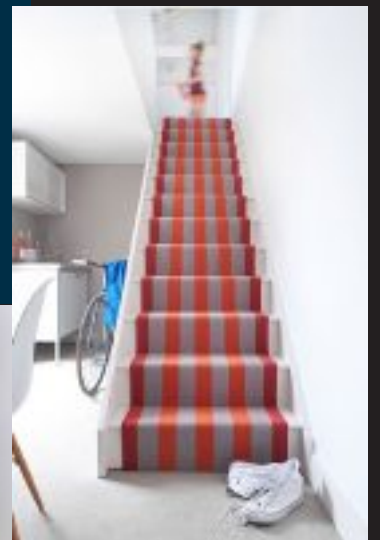
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STEP BY STEP

How to make the most of your stairs and make them a feature of your home

PAGES 40&41



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

This Church Langley home has a surprising feature that will delight the whole family. PAGES 36&37



HOT HOUSE



THE PERFECT HOME FOR ENTERTAINING



Many modern features at this family home include cinema/games room with built in bar area and large luxury versatile summer house which could be used as a gym/office/play area.

Trips out to the movies can be costly affairs nowadays – particularly if your children visit the pick-and-mix stand before watching the latest blockbuster. Well that should not be a problem anymore if you buy this modern family home in Harlow.

That's because it comes with its own cinema/games room – complete with a bar area. So no matter if it's a quiet date night in or you are inviting a few friends over it could provide a great alternative to a trip to the nearest multiplex.

The five-bedroom detached home is located in a desirable private cul-de-sac in Church Langley.

The property also contains a converted garage, parking for several cars and a large

summer house. Agents Guardian Residential Lettings & Sales believe this could be used as a gym, office or even a play area.

Other modern features include:

- A downstairs toilet
- An en-suite bathroom
- A family wet room – with free-standing bathtub
- A large entrance hall with CCTV and video intercom
- A low-maintenance garden – including astro turf and block paving
- A large dressing area / walk-in wardrobe
- A utility room
- Excellent decorative order throughout

The property is on the market for £599,995 through Guardian Residential Lettings & Sales in The High, Harlow. For more details or to request a brochure call 01279 635 685 or visit www.guardianresidential.com/





PROPERTY TALK

With Nigel Lewis



A PERFECT PAD FOR LOVERS OF POETRY

We have a long tradition of looking at rural England through rose tinted glasses. It's easy to understand why, as urban residents dodge parking tickets and bemoan pollution.

The same was happening during the late 19th century and with poets like AE Housman.

His most famous work, *A Shropshire Lad*, is a cycle of more than 60 poems written while he was living and working in London as an academic.

It has been continuously in print since it was self-published in 1896. Written before he had even visited Shropshire, the poems appealed hugely to soot-soaked Victorians and Edwardians.



Housman wrote the stanzas while living in the north London suburb of Hampstead Village in a substantial property that was the first of his former homes to get a Blue Plaque.

Byron Cottage is now for sale. He lived at the address between 1885 and 1905 while studying and working at University College London.

It's been modernised, but Housman would recognise its layout, which includes five bedrooms, three bathrooms, a kitchen/diner and many period features.

"The addition of the blue plaque and the history surrounding Housman and his time at the property really adds an element of prestige," says agent James Diaper.

It's for sale through Savills (020 7472 5000) for £2.5m.



A cosy home in a cosy part of Port Isaac - familiar to Louisa and Doc Martin played by Caroline Catz and Martin Clunes



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The blue window frames and front door of Rose Cottage in the Cornish town of Port Isaac have become very familiar to regular viewers of TV series Doc Martin.

The property is in an area of the village famous for its narrow alleys and a higgledy-piggledy layout as historic fishermen's cottages collide with each other behind the town's high street.

Rose Cottage has also featured as the home of several characters in the hit ITV drama.

The show is set in the fictional seaside village of Portwenn and filmed almost exclusively in and around the houses and streets of Port Isaac, which has been instrumental in giving the series its distinctive look.

Rose Cottage has cashed in on this fame. The property has been let out for a long time as a holiday home and agent Yopa says it earns approximately £20,000 a year from visiting tourists.

Its owner, who lives in Guernsey, is now selling up and has put it on the market for £515,000. An additional £1,100 a year is payable for a parking space at the top of village, as the cottage is only accessible on foot.

It has three double bedrooms, two reception rooms, a kitchen with an AGA, and a small garden at the front plus a terrace at the back.

More information from Yopa on 0333 305 0202.

When guitar legend Jimi Hendrix died in 1970 from a drugs overdose in a London hotel the world mourned not just the passing of a gifted musician, but the loss of so much potential.

He had enjoyed just four years of success with his band The Jimi Hendrix Experience after arriving in London in 1966, soon after which they had several hit singles and an album that spent 33 weeks in the charts.

The band went on to record several more studio albums and make historic appearances at The Royal Albert Hall in 1967 with Pink Floyd, and the Isle of Wight Festival in 1970 where several hundred thousand people watched him 'kiss the sky'.



EXPERIENCE HENDRIX'S APARTMENT

London is peppered with places where Hendrix hung out including clubs and venues where he made friends with stars including Eric Clapton and The Beatles.

For a time Hendrix shared a flat at 43, Upper Berkeley Street with his manager Chas Chandler, and that property is now for sale.

It's a one-bedroom apartment where agent Martin Bikhit of Kay & Co says neighbours used to hear Hendrix practising his guitar.

The fourth-floor flat is on the market at £1,075,000 and has recently been refurbished.

More information from Kay & Co on 020 7262 2030.



TOFF'S POSH RETREAT

Georgia Toffolo or 'Toff' to her 1.9 million Instagram followers has enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame since she joined TV reality show Made in Chelsea in 2014 and then, three years later, won I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!

Her brains, good looks and sunny personality helped her survive both the sharp-elbowed Chelsea set and several retch-worthy Bush-tucker Trials.

Georgia also has an impressive CV for a 24-year-old. It includes two years of voluntary work, a law degree, jobs



at several legal firms as well as a stint at The Lady magazine.

She has also had several career-enhancing liaisons both on and off camera including with James Middleton, George Lineker and Chelsea Davy's ex Charles Goode.

But should her TV career not pan out, Georgia has a property rental business.

She rents out a

holiday home in Torquay she co-owns with her mother. It's a two-bedroom property on the first floor of a luxury complex in the centre of the popular seaside town. It has partial sea views, a shared garden, open plan lounge, kitchen-diner, off-street parking and is available to rent starting at £402 a week via Original Cottages (0333 2020 899).



DRESSED UP TO IMPRESS

BRIDALWEAR designer Kate Halfpenny has stars flocking to her boutique shop for their wedding dresses.

It's the go-to place for wealthy and fashion-conscious people looking for a nuptial outfit which, in the past, has included Kate Moss, Rihanna, Emilia Fox and Holly Willoughby.

Kate is also famous for creating gowns that aren't the 'standard white' and recently even launched a range entirely in black.

Her thick spectacles and shock of combed-back hair make her easy to pick out in a crowd, and she recently caused a stir by suggesting that Meghan Markle should wear a wedding

dress by an American designer rather than a British one.

When not stitching and sewing, Kate has a home in the fashionable north London borough of Camden where she lives with her art director husband whom she married in 2014 at a lavish wedding that - as you might expect - featured one of her own creations and 21 bridesmaids.

But the couple also have a second home in the up-and-coming Kent seaside town of Whitstable, which they are now selling.

It's a clapper-board terraced cottage near to the town centre that's been stylishly refurbished by the couple.

For sale at £365,000 it has three floors, two reception rooms, a fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms and a rear garden.

It's being sold with no onward chain as Kate has already bought another property in nearby Faversham.

More information from Whitstable agent Christopher Hodgson (01227 266441).





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YOUR HOME

Pimp your staircase...

Your stairs are more than a route from A to B. Get clever and they can become a standalone feature - or even be useful, writes **LUCY SEARLE**

If the most you've ever considered for your stairs is painting the banisters and carpeting the treads, be prepared to have your horizons broadened - and your hallway transformed

■ Lucy Searle is a contributor at Houzz. Visit Houzz.co.uk for more design inspiration and home-improvement advice.



USE A PAINT EFFECT

You could mimic the look of this staircase by cutting strips of polished concrete-effect tile to sit over the risers. Or you could take the easier route and paint your risers in a range of pastel shades to create a similar finish. Keep costs down by using sample pots for the colours, and add a coat of varnish to prevent chipping.

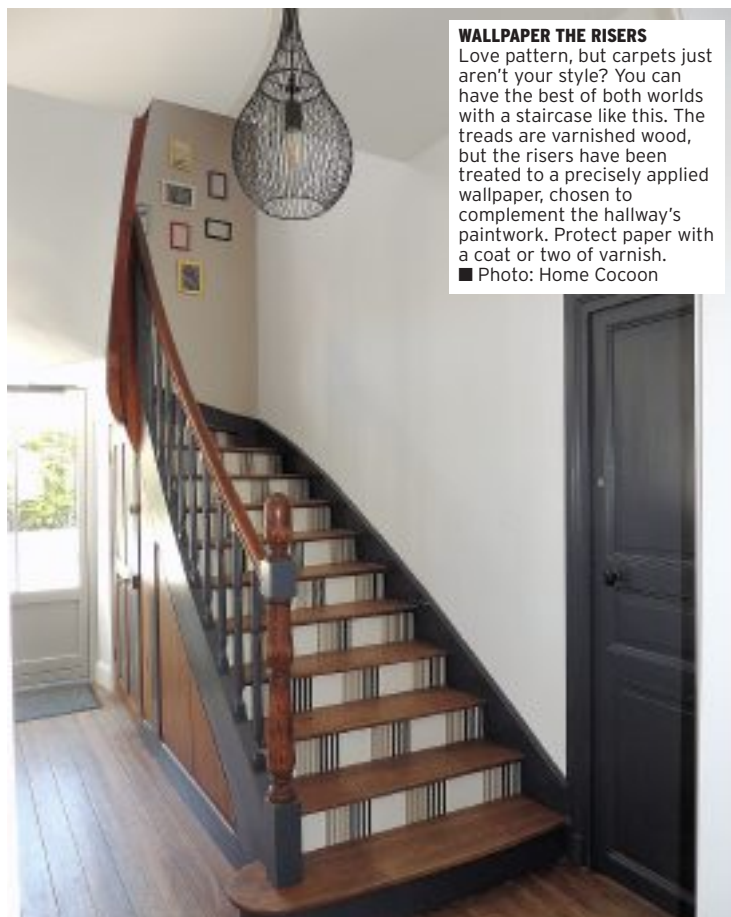
■ Photo: Chris Snook



ADD A DASHING STRIPE

Want to make your home feel bigger and brighter? One way to do so is by painting everything white. Another route is to use broad stripes to create a visual trick: run them up the steps like this and the staircase will feel taller; lay them across the width of the treads and it will look broader.

■ Photo: Roger Oates Design



WALLPAPER THE RISERS

Love pattern, but carpets just aren't your style? You can have the best of both worlds with a staircase like this. The treads are varnished wood, but the risers have been treated to a precisely applied wallpaper, chosen to complement the hallway's paintwork. Protect paper with a coat or two of varnish.

■ Photo: Home Cocoon



OPEN IT UP

If your hallway is dark, narrow and cramped, replacing the staircase with an open-tread design will make the whole space feel bigger and brighter. For best effect, paint the treads' upper and lower sides to match the banisters; a light-coloured mid-sheen will bounce daylight around even more. Be aware that building regulations around open stair treads are tight, so be informed before you start building or buying.

■ Photo: Veronica Rodriguez Interior Photography



SWITCH STEPS FOR DRAWERS

Desperate for every inch of storage space you can muster? The cavity beneath each tread of a new staircase can be designed to provide room for a decent-sized drawer to house the family's shoes (designated steps recommended to save a daily rummage), hats, gloves and even the dog's lead.

■ Photo: Lipton Plant Architects



SOUP UP WITH STENCILS

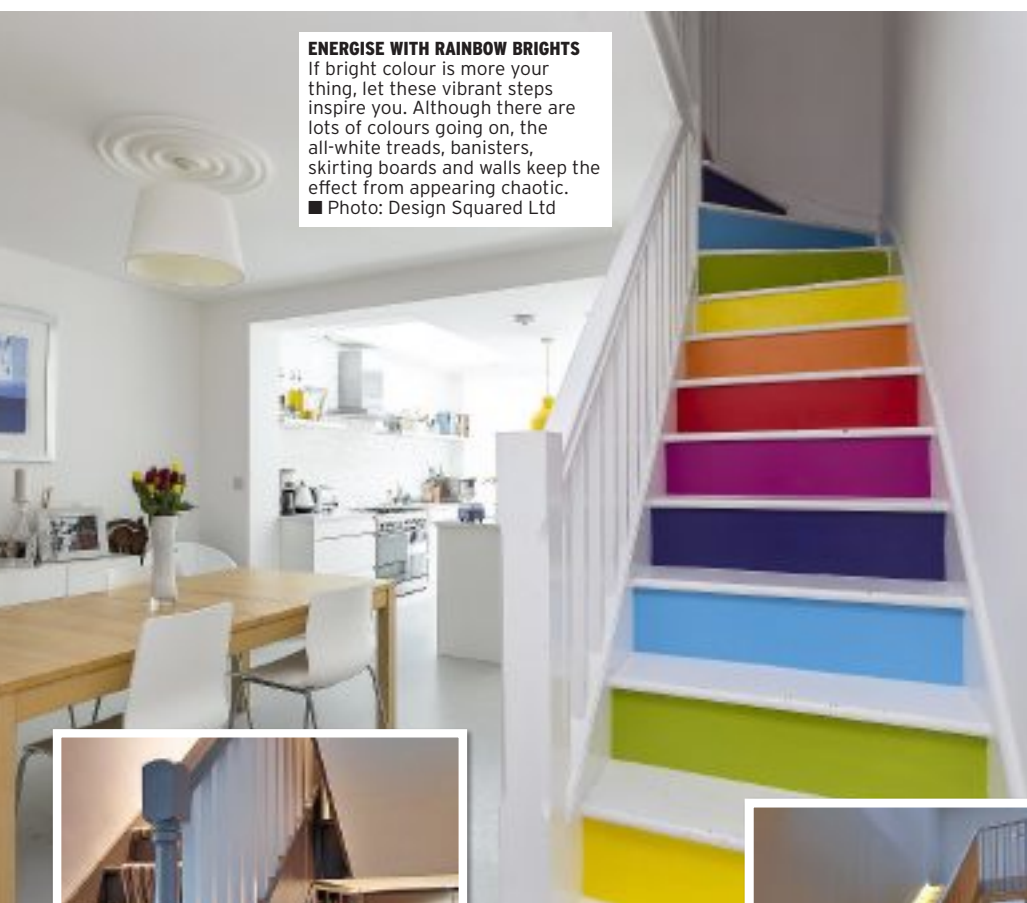
Painting a wooden staircase is an easy, quick and cheap way to update and improve it. Then all you need to do to add an individual twist is stencil numbers (or words) onto the risers. Ideally, use a specialist floor paint to create a durable finish - or choose a colour you like and coat it with a tough floor varnish once dry.

■ Photo: Artelier Progetti

ENERGISE WITH RAINBOW BRIGHTS

If bright colour is more your thing, let these vibrant steps inspire you. Although there are lots of colours going on, the all-white treads, banisters, skirting boards and walls keep the effect from appearing chaotic.

■ Photo: Design Squared Ltd

**SWAP THE SPINDLES**

If the spindles on your staircase are damaged, missing, mismatched – or just downright ugly – replace them with sculptural new ones that add period character or a modern flourish. The spindles in this hallway are carefully matched to the style of the panelling to create contemporary Art Deco appeal.

■ Photo: Ryan Wicks Photography Ltd

**PAINT IT TO CO-ORDINATE**

Coating your staircase in a dramatic paint shade will make it a standout feature, but it's important to tie it in to both the hallway and the landing upstairs. Painting the skirting board and banisters to match is the simplest way to do so, and carrying the colour through to built-in furniture will work wonders, too.

■ Photo: Carole Dugelay, Architecture Intérieure-Décoration

LIGHT THE TREADS

Putting lighting at skirting level – or, as here, into a recess – is a simple way to create a contemporary feel for your staircase. Considering this option? Bear in mind that the lighting will show up every bump, dent and smudge, so your floor's finish needs to be spotless.

■ Photo: MH Costa Construction Ltd

**FILL THE VOID BENEATH**

In a period home, it always makes sense to revamp the understairs cavity because those Victorians and Edwardians clearly didn't have the vast shoe collections we do now. Even the smallest of spaces can be put to good use with some decent carpentry and a lick of paint, as here.

■ Photo: Veronica Rodriguez Interior Photography



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HOME ADVICE

With Alex Neill of Which?

A list of what buyers *really* look for in a new property

People trying to sell their home used to be told that filling the air with the scent of freshly ground coffee and baking prior to a viewing was the way to greet potential purchasers.

That's a lovely idea – but no longer cuts the mustard. Aromas won't persuade buyers to part with five figure deposits.

Instead, sellers should look at what buyers really value. They firstly demand comfort and convenience.

Buyers need efficient heating and hot water when they move in. Otherwise, expect to knock between £5,000 and £10,000 off the price for a new boiler, some radiators and inconvenience. Double glazing is also essential – you can buy units that will fit in nicely with the look of period properties.

Then, according to comparison site Go Compare, the next essential is security. If the windows and doors don't lock properly, that's another price cut.

Buyers need reliable broadband signals. The importance of this feature has soared up the list of essentials – and will continue to do so as we become even more dependent on internet use.

They'll also be looking at electrical sockets – and their number. No one wants spaghetti like extensions all over rooms –



it's dangerous as well as unsightly. There's no ideal number but the more the better. Putting in new sockets is expensive and disruptive as floorboards and ceilings may need attention.

Sellers should expect to provide a good energy rating for the home.

Where possible, buyers expect a garden. If that exists, they want it neat and tidy for when they move in. They won't care too much about the choice of plants – but they'll run a mile if the outdoor space is a weed-infested garbage tip.

Sellers often place emphasis on features which buyers really don't look for. A good parking space is increasingly less important – especially in big cities.

Those wooden floors may look fantastic and cost a fortune. But buyers may see them as difficult to maintain and cold.

And remember, not all buyers will appreciate that you've knocked all the walls down to create a huge open-plan space. Many families want rooms for the children to do their homework, or simply to escape from each other. Only one in eleven buyers specified "open-plan" in the survey.



Wood floors and period features are not the selling point you might think they are.

Below: A big garden is great, but if it's untidy it can be a big turn-off



SIX TIPS FOR SELLERS

1. Be prepared for buyers to bargain prices down if the home has features that will need correcting.
2. Sellers should look at what buyers really want – period features or conservatories are low on the list.
3. Boasting about great neighbours is rarely effective. You may get on brilliantly with the folk next door – but that's no guarantee that the new owners will.
4. Good local schools are only an attraction to prospective purchasers with children, who are moving a long way.
5. Unless outstanding, convenient local shops are not important for most buyers.
6. Any buyer will need to insure the property. Faulty wiring and bad door and window security will make cover expensive. You insure when you exchange contracts, not when you move in.

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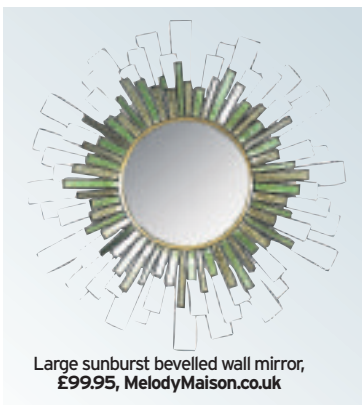
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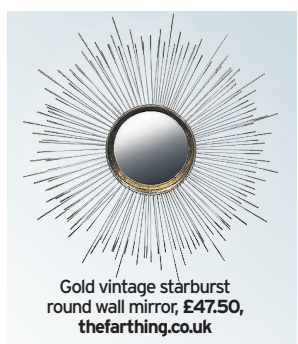
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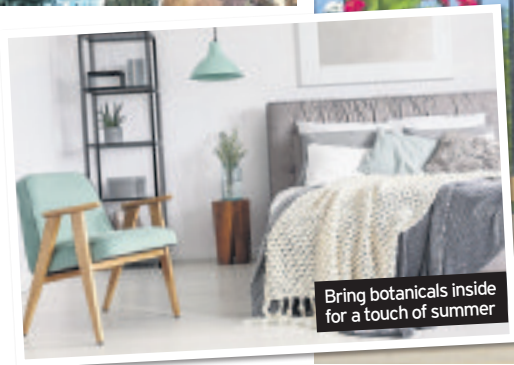
With Lesley Taylor



Bold tableware, such as the Marrakech collection from Taylor's Homes and Interiors, will brighten up any table - inside or out

No matter the climate, it's time to bid farewell to spring and say hello to summer - in the style stakes at least

Forget tradition, bright furniture is going to be everywhere



Bring botanicals inside for a touch of summer



WEATHER OR NOT

Hands up if you're ready for summer. I definitely am. And not even this most inclement of weather can put a dampener on my spirit.

Yes, it might not have got off to the best start, but summer, or our British equivalent, is well on the way and bringing with it a host of beautiful trends to see us through until the clocks go back.

COLOUR, AND LOTS OF IT

Colour is going to be everywhere this season and the brighter the better.

From fresh and zingy aquas to tangy oranges, there is something to suit all tastes and styles.

And this colour explosion is going to be especially prominent in the garden as homeowners move away from traditional woods and rattan and choose bold hues to complement their flora and fauna.

If you want to fully embrace this trend, go all out by investing in an outdoor dining suite in one of these vibrant shades. Alternatively, if your existing set is in pretty good condition, or you want to try a more pared back version of the look, accessorise your own set with bright cushions, napkins and a new parasol.

SUNSHINE INSIDE

Fingers crossed we've seen the last of the Beast from the East and its equally bitter friends, but, should the weather turn nasty this summer, there are plenty of design hacks to bring the sunshine indoors.



Use rectangular shelving to add a geometric touch to your outdoors



Want to fake your florals? Why not invest in some vintage crockery?

Let's start with tableware, which is becoming less about function and more about fashion. Hit any department store and alongside traditional white china sets don't be surprised to see colourful crockery with a host of intricate patterns.

And not only will a new crockery set brighten any dining table - indoor or outdoor - and you can use it to make a style statement by putting it on full display in your kitchen or dining area.

Like tableware, our love of all things botanical shows very little sign of waning. And it's very easy to see why

- just being exposed to anything natural can make you feel more creative, productive and less stressed, which is the perfect summer vibe.

The real thing - houseplants and flowers - are a simple way of introducing some floral touches and if you're particularly green-fingered why not display cuts from your own garden.

However, as with all good trends, you can also fake it. Wallpaper, cushions and lamp shades are just some of the ways to introduce botanicals into the home.

SHAPE OF SUMMER

There is something about geometrics that I intrinsically link to summer. Perhaps it's the freshness of simple shapes being used for maximum impact. But I am not alone, and once again, this summer geometric patterns will be everywhere.

However, I have two very simple ways of bringing them into a summer scheme. Firstly, invest in a rug (not a picnic blanket) that is sturdy, waterproof and suitable for outdoor use. If you can, use it to bridge the space between the house and outside space. Alternatively, lay it on any patio or decking to truly create a homely outdoor living area. And finally, use large shelves to enhance your outside living area. Use them to hold plants, a bird feeder or even an outdoor lamp to truly accessorise your space.

■ Lesley Taylor is the author of 10 interior design books and has appeared on a range of network TV shows, including This Morning, giving inspirational advice on home styling.

TOP TIPS

1. Think bright and bold
2. Treat your outdoor space as an extension of your living area
3. Use colour and pattern to bring sunshine indoors
4. Make sure outdoor accessories are shower proof
5. Embrace the power of flower

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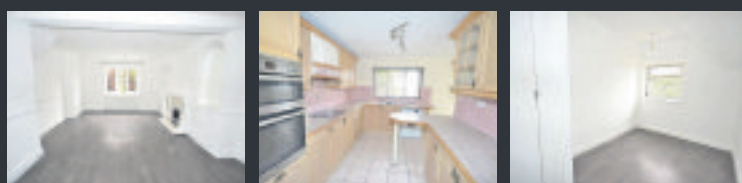
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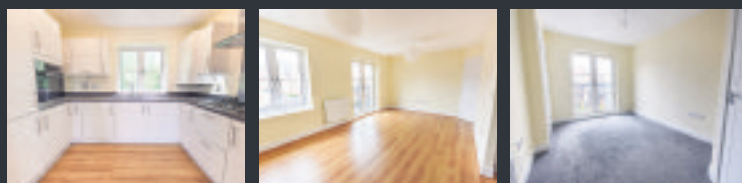
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SOLD STC



Aynsley Gardens

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- CHAIN FREE
- Within Walking Distance To Local Amenities
- 900+ Year Lease
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: C

£215,000

CHAIN FREE



Coalport Close

- A Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- CHAIN FREE
- Allocated Parking
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Lounge/Diner
- EPC Rating: D

O.I.E.O
£220,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



Coalport Close

- Two Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Two Allocated Spaces
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Ideal For First Time Buyers
- TLC Required
- EPC Rating: Awaiting

£280,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



Aynsley Gardens

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- CHAIN FREE
- Downstairs WC
- Driveway For One Vehicle
- Secluded Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£295,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED



Victoria Gate

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Conservatory To Rear
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Secluded Rear Garden
- Double Glazing Throughout
- EPC Rating: Awaiting

£295,000

CHAIN FREE



Bentley Drive

- Three Bedroom House
- CHAIN FREE
- Parking For One Vehicle
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- EPC Rating: C

£365,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED



Ashworth Place

- Three Bedroom Link Detached House
- CHAIN FREE
- Garage & Driveway For One Vehicle
- Ground Floor W/C
- Conservatory
- E.P.C. Rating: D

O.I.E.O
£375,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED



Elmbridge Hall

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- CHAIN FREE
- Split Level
- Grade II Listed Building
- Private Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£400,000

NEW INSTRUCTION



Old London Road

- A Substantial Four Bedroom Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Driveway For Multiple Vehicles
- Secluded Rear Garden
- Originally A Double Garage Which Has Been Converted
- E.P.C. Rating: C

£475,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED



Malkin Drive

- A Five Bedroom Townhouse
- Tv Room With Projector Screen
- Downstairs W/C & Second Floor Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden with Jacuzzi
- Overlooking Forrest scenery
- Gas Central Heating Throughout

O.I.R.O
£449,995



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SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED!

Brockles Mead

O.I.E.O

£155,000

- A One Bedroom Flat
- Situated On The Third Floor (top Floor)
- CHAIN FREE
- Private Balcony To The Rear Aspect
- uPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating Through Out
- EPC Rating: C



CHAIN FREE

Pegrams Court

O.I.E.O

£254,950

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- A Garage En - Bloc
- Approx. 25ft Secluded Rear Garden
- CHAIN FREE
- Downstairs WC
- EPC Rating: C



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Long Banks

O.I.E.O

£260,000

- A Two Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Utility Room
- Outbuilding With Power And Electric
- uPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating Throughout
- EPC Rating: C



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Westfield

O.I.E.O

£270,000

- A Three Bedroom Semi- Detached House
- Situated In A Residential Cul - De - Sac
- Large Kitchen/ Diner
- Approx 45ft Secluded Rear Garden
- First Floor Wet Room With A Walk In Shower
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED!

Peterswood

O.I.R.O -

£278,000

- Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House
- Garage To The Front
- Driveway For One Vehicle
- Fitted Kitchen To Front Aspect
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- EPC Rating: D



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Barn Mead

O.I.E.O

£280,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace Family Home
- Utility Room
- Larger Than Average Lounge/ Diner
- Approx. 50ft Rear Garden With Rear Access
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



SOLD STC

MORE REQUIRED!

Spencers Croft

O.I.E.O

£299,995

- A Three Bedroom Terraced Family Home.
- A Private Driveway For Two Vehicles.
- Recently Fitted Combi Boiler (Vaillant)
- South - Facing Rear Garden
- Conservatory
- EPC Rating: D



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Clifton Hatch

O.I.E.O

£375,000

- A Three Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Private Allocated Parking
- Ground Floor WC
- Still Under The NHBC New Homes Certificate
- South Facing Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: B



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Hare Street

£500,000

- A Four Bedroom Detached Family House
- A Private Driveway For Three - Four Vehicles
- Approx. 150ft Secluded Rear Garden With Side Access
- Conservatory
- Approx 1.5miles From Harlow Train Station
- EPC Rating: B



CHAIN FREE

Sycamore Field

O.I.R.O
£275,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid- Terrace Family Home
- South Facing Rear Garden With Rear Access
- CHAIN FREE
- Separate Living & Dining Rooms
- Situated In A Residential Cul - De - Sac
- EPC Rating: C



...A Selection Of Homes From Our Sales Portfolio...



Latton Green, Harlow **£359,995**

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Well Presented
- Ground Floor WC
- Semi Detached Home
- Two Receptions
- Southerly Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC



The Fortunes, Harlow **£249,995**

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- 45ft Rear Garden
- Terraced House
- Well Presented
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D



Priory Court, Harlow **£229,995**

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Garage En-Bloc
- Private Apartment
- First Floor
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC Rating: C



CHELSEA GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower
- Garage & Drive
- Utility & W.C
- Riptide Swim Spa
- EPC Rating: TBC

£549,995



HOME CLOSE, HARLOW

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Two/Three Receptions
- Chain Free
- Detached Home
- Exclusive Location
- Mature Southerly Gardens
- EPC Rating: TBC

£500,000



WHALEBONE COTTAGES, HASTINGWOOD

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Receptions
- Immaculate Home
- End Terrace Cottage
- Driveway
- Extended Property
- EPC Rating: D

£499,995



PARK AVENUE, HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Three receptions
- Large Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- Semi Detached
- Extended Property
- Rarely Available
- EPC Rating: TBC

£489,995



UPPER PARK, HARLOW

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Extended
- Garage & Driveway
- Semi Detached
- Immaculate Home
- Desirable Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£484,995



BURLEY HILL, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached House
- Two En-Suites
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: D

£464,995



TICKENHALL DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Westerly Garden
- EPC Rating: D

£450,000



DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Immaculate Home
- Garage & Drive
- Detached Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£415,000



DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Chain Free
- Detached House
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£374,995



FINDINGS LANE, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Lounge/Diner
- NHBC Warranty
- End Terrace House
- Ensuite To Master
- Desirable Location
- EPC Rating: B

£340,000



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Potential To Extend (STPP)
- EPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



THE CHANTRY, HARLOW

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Two Receptions
- Landscaped Garden
- Middle Terrace
- Desirable Location
- Cloakroom/WC
- EPC Rating: TBC

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PURFORD GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Driveway For Two Cars
- Well Presented
- Kitchen/Diner
- Middle Terrace
- Popular Location
- Utility Room
- EPC Rating: TBC

£305,000

CLIFTON HATCH, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Lounge/Diner
- NHBC Warranty Remaining
- Middle Terrace
- Modern Throughout
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£300,000

MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cloakroom/W.C
- Garage To Rear
- Terraced Home
- Craddock Build
- Southerly Gardens
- EPC Rating: C

£289,995

MARKWELL WOOD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- End Of Terrace
- South/West Facing Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£289,995

DOULTON CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- 40ft Garden (Approx)
- Garage En-Bloc
- End Terrace
- Popular Location
- White Bathroom-Suite
- EPC Rating: D

£284,995

ABBEYDALE CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- Terraced House
- Westerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

£284,995

BUSHEY CROFT, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Well Presented
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Middle Terrace
- Westerly Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£279,995

SILVESTERS, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Backs Onto Allotments
- Garage En Bloc
- Terraced House
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Outskirts Of Town
- EPC Rating: C

£270,000

DAVENPORT, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Modern Bathroom
- Own Parking
- Terraced Home
- Landscaped Garden
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: C

£269,995

PRIMROSE FIELD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Loft Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Middle Terrace House
- Porch Extension
- Well Presented
- EPC Rating: TBC

£259,995

SPENCERS CROFT, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Well Presented
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- Middle Terrace
- Open Plan
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£249,995

ALEXANDRA ROAD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- Large Loft
- EPC Rating: TBC

£219,995

MILESTONE ROAD, NEWHALL

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Open Plan Living
- Chain Free
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Popular Location
- Intercom Entry System
- EPC Rating: C

£219,995

CHELSEA GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Balcony
- Well Presented
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Chain Free
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£219,995

NEW PRICE

COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Lounge/Diner
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- Communal Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC

£215,000

HIGH ELMS, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Allocated Parking
- Open Plan
- Chain Free
- First Floor Apartment
- Well Presented
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£164,995

SYCAMORE FIELD, HARLOW

- One Double Bedroom
- Well Presented
- Lounge/Diner
- Chain Free
- Second Floor Apartment
- Secure Door Entry System
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£157,500

EDMUNDS TOWER, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Modern Kitchen
- Town Centre Location
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- 8th Floor
- Ideal Buy To Let
- EPC Rating: TBC

£124,995

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TO LET




WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW £1,295 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Lounge/Diner
- Available Now
- End Terrace Bungalow
- Unfurnished
- White Goods Available
- EPC Rating: C

TO LET




PEACOCKS, HARLOW £1,200 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- White Goods Available
- Allocated Parking
- End Of Terrace
- Unfurnished
- Available Now
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET



Ram Gorse, Harlow £1,200 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Close To Town
- Unfurnished
- Middle Terrace
- Sorry No DSS
- Available Early May
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET



Bentley Drive, Church Langley £895 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Recently Re-Decorated
- Ground Floor Flat
- Available Beg May 2018
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: C

TO LET



Chamberlain Close, Church Langley £895 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Available May 2018
- Allocated Parking
- First Floor Maisonette
- Popular Location
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: TBC

TO LET



Church End, Harlow £775 P.C.M

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Ground Floor
- Unfurnished
- Apartment
- Available in February
- Own Garden
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET



Markwell Wood, Harlow £725 P.C.M

- One Bedroom
- Popular Location
- Available End Of June
- Allocated Parking
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Unfurnished
- Lounge/Diner
- EPC Rating: TBC

LET AGREED **MORE NEEDED**



Wayside Farm, Harlow £2,100 P.C.M

- Five Bedrooms
- Double Garage & Driveway
- Immaculate Throughout
- Available June 2018
- Fantastic Detached Home
- Overlooking Harlow Common
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: TBC

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SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**




LODGE HALL, HARLOW **£335,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Immaculate Throughout
- Semi Detached House
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite Shower Room
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**




PRIORY COURT, HARLOW **£330,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Recently Redecorated
- Driveway
- Overlooking Latton Common
- Town House
- Ensuite To Master
- Private Close
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



The Plashets, Sheering **£299,995**

- Three Bedrooms
- Village Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Middle Terrace
- Well Presented
- Overlooking Green
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



Felmongers, Harlow **£295,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Desirable Location
- Overlooks Small Green
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



Quarry Spring, Harlow **£260,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Double Driveway
- Terraced Home
- Ground Floor W.C
- Southerly Garden
- EPC Rating: B


SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



Jocelyns, Old Harlow **£219,995**

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Close To Station
- Chain Free
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



Ladyshot, Harlow **£154,995**

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Own Balcony
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- Second Floor
- Outside Storage
- EPC Rating: D

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



The Mallories, Harlow **£149,995**

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- Third Floor
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC


MARKWELL WOOD
£169,995

- One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Extended Lease
- Electric Heating
- Open Plan Kitchen with Breakfast Bar

- Good Size Bedroom
- Modern Bathroom Suite
- No Onward Chain


THE HIDES
OIEO £250,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- Chain Free
- Lounge
- Kitchen & Utility
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Close to Town

- Centre
- Viewings
- Recommended


PRIORY COURT
£275,000

- Three Bedroom Town House
- Own Drive
- Close to Schools & Amenities
- Good Size Garden
- Downstairs
- Cloakroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Area


NETTESWELL ORC
£245,000

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Duplex Apartment
- Full Width Front Balcony
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Close to Town Park, Station, Shops & Hospital


ASH TREE FIELD
£245,000

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Popular Location
- Ideal First Time or Investment Buy
- South Facing Garden
- Lounge Diner
- Chain Free
- Close to Train Station, Hospital & Town Centre
- Viewings Recommended


New Price
POTTER STREET
£269,995

- No Onward Chain
- Rarely Available
- Two Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge 12'1" x 18'3"

- Kitchen 8'7" x 5'11"
- South Facing Garden
- Set on Private Road


WESTFIELD
OIEO £275,000

- Two Bedroom Detached Home
- Popular Location
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedrooms
- Off Street Parking for
- One Car
- Fitted Bathroom
- Lounge 15'5" x 11'2"


SOPER SQUARE
£285,000

- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bathrooms
- Balcony
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Popular New Hall Development
- Allocated parking
- Space


OLD HARLOW
Guide price £300,000

- Two Bedroom Chalet Bungalow
- Semi-Detached
- Chain Free
- Large Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Allocated Parking
- Space


THE DOWNS
OIRO £279,995

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Bespoke Fitted Kitchen
- Reception & Lounge
- Rear Garden Approximately 40ft

- Recently Fitted Bathroom
- Well Presented Throughout
- Close to Town Centre
- Viewings Recommended


GUILFORDS
£300,000

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge
- Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Downstairs WC
- Close to Train Station


AVNSLEY GARDENS
£304,995

- Two Bedroom End of Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Bar/Snug
- Allocated Parking for Two cars


WOODWARDS
£299,995

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Well Presented Throughout
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge Diner

- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Close to Town Centre
- Close to Schools & Amenities



TORKILSDEN WAY

Offers over £370,000

- Three Bedroom Home
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Converted Garage
- Allocated Parking



CHALLINOR £349,995

- Three Bedroom House
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge 147 x 157
- Recently Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Triple Glazed Throughout
- Close to All Amenities



OLD HARLOW £399,995

- Three Bedroom Detached Home
- Heart of Old Harlow
- No Onward Chain
- Easy Access to all Amenities
- Good Size Lounge
- En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom
- Neatly Enclosed Courtyard Style Rear Garden



OLD HARLOW £325,000

- No Onward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge Diner
- Conservatory
- Gas Central Heating
- Kitchen
- In Need of Modernisation



FINDINGS LANE £340,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- End of Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- En-Suite to Bedroom One
- Drive & Allocated Parking Space
- Viewings Recommended



NAZEING OIEO £450,000

- Three/Four bedroom Property
- Potential for loft conversion (subject to planning)
- Parking for five vehicles
- Double Glazing & GCH
- Spacious Lounge/dining area
- Family friendly rear garden
- Two annexes in garden area offering both living ac



SPARROWHAWK WAY, NEW HALL

£425,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom Detached Family Home
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Driveway to Front
- Modern Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Lounge 13'11 x 11'9
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Close to all amenities



Sawbridgeworth OIEO £459,950

- Three/four Bedroom Town House
- Semi-Detached
- Large Lounge 22'6 x 12'8
- Kitchen & Utility
- Bathroom &
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Rear Garden approx 45' in length
- Popular Location



TYE GREEN £499,995

- High Specification New Build
- Detached Four Bedroom House
- Facing Onto Private Driveway
- Luxury Kitchen Diner
- Large Bright & Spacious Lounge
- Driveway with Parking for Four Cars
- Fitted Carpets & Oak Flooring



New
Instruction

MALKIN DRIVE

£450,000

- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double Glazing
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Garage & Drive
- Close to All Amenities
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner



CHURCH LANGLEY OIRO £499,995

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached Home
- Garage Conversion
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Driveway for Multiple Vehicles
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Close to all Local Amenities



OAKLANDS DRIVE £575,000

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory
- Separate Dining &
- Large Lounge
- Large Garden
- Garage & Drive
- Kitchen & Utility area



FYFIELD, ONGAR

£400,000

- Two Bedroom Split Level Apartment
- Superb Location
- Contemporary Style Kitchen
- En-Suite to Bedroom One
- Courtyard Garden
- Grade II Listed
- Set on Beautiful Grounds



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NEWMANS END £2,500 PCM

- Four Bedrooms
- Modern Property
- En-Suite To Master
- EPC Rating To Follow
- Must Be Viewed
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Stunning Property
- Available Now.



MARKET HOUSE £1,350 PCM

- Sawbridgeworth
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Gated Parking
- One Allocated Parking Space
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Ground Floor
- Stunning Property
- Must Be Viewed
- Available Now

NEW LISTING



SIDNEY TERRACE \$950 PCM

- Bishops Stortford
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Bedrooms
- Available Now
- EPC Rating D
- Unfurnished
- Close To Town Centre & Train Station
- * Admin Fees Apply

NEW LISTING



BROMLEY CLOSE £925 PCM

- Two Bed Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Top Floor
- Integral Appliances
- * Admin Fees Apply
- One Allocated Parking Space
- Available Now
- EPC Rating E



WAGON MEAD £900 PCM

- Hatfield Heath
- Village Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Property
- Unfurnished
- Top Floor
- EPC Rating C
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available May

NEW LISTING



LET AGREED

GARDINERS £1000 PCM

- Church Langley
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen Appliances Only
- EPC Rating C
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available Early May



LET AGREED

HORNBEAMS £675 PCM

- One Bed Flat
- Ground Floor
- White Goods Only
- EPC Rating D
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available End May



Referenced Tenants



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CHURCH LANGLEY (Aynsley Gardens)

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£875pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings)

2 bedroom top floor apartment with a modernised kitchen, sitting/dining room with views over the marina, two bedrooms and bathroom with white suite. Outside there is carport parking and ample visitor's parking. Short walking distance to the train station. Available early June.



£950pcm

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Apton Fields)

Two bedroom character cottage with good size enclosed rear. Ideally located close to Bishop's Stortford's town centre. Sitting room, kitchen, two good size bedrooms, bathroom, good size rear garden, fully double glazed throughout. Available now.



£995pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Church Street)

2 bedroom unfurnished period cottage in a central location close to town centre, short walk to station, comprises recently refitted kitchen with small breakfast area, good size living room, two bedrooms to the first floor plus recently refitted family bathroom, courtyard rear garden.



£1080pcm

NEWPORT (Station Road)

2 bedroom character cottage just meters from station. 2 reception rooms and galley kitchen, bathroom and double bedroom to the first floor and a further double bedroom to the second floor. South facing rear garden. Available now.



£1295pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Rosina Court)

A well-presented 2 bedroom 2 bathroom ground floor apartment with its own private decked garden. There is allocated parking and the property is a stone's throw from the train station. Unfurnished and available with 2 weeks notice.



£1395pcm

HATFIELD HEATH (Rosemary Court)

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The Hides



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Dads Wood



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Hare Street Springs



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom, first floor flat in the private area of Regency Court. This property benefits from one allocated parking space, gas central heating and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - C. Available mid May.

£750 PCM

Regency Court



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom top floor flat in the ever popular location of Church Langley. This property benefits from gas heating, close to shops and amenities and includes kitchen white goods. EPC - C. Available mid June.

£885 PCM

Victoria Gate



Guardian are delighted to offer this large two double bedroom split level, ground floor maisonette in Soper Square, Newhall. This property's benefits include wood flooring to ground floor, downstairs W/C, shower, allocated parking, en-suite, front garden and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - C. The property is available early July.

£1050 PCM

Soper Square



Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented three bedroom home in Potter Street, located just next to the M11 round about. This property benefits from a downstairs w/c, gas heating, large living space through out and is close to local shops and amenities. Includes oven/hob, fridge/freezer and a washing machine. EPC - D. Available mid June.

£1100 PCM

Potter Street



Well maintained three bedroom terraced home in the sought after road of Barn Mead, popular with families. Comprising entrance hallway, downstairs WC, good size lounge, fitted kitchen, stairs leading to first floor, shower room and three bedrooms. Rear garden. EPC - D. Available early July.

£1175 PCM

Barn Mead



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom house with conservatory. Comprising entrance hallway, downstairs bathroom, modern fitted kitchen, lounge, conservatory and three bedrooms to the first floor. Benefits from gas central heating and garden. EPC - D. Available mid July.

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£117,500

Willowfield, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a well presented studio flat in the heart of Town Centre, close to transport links (bus and train station) local amenities. SOUGHT-AFTER Private area, perfect for investors! Current tenant in situ since 2013. EPC: E

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Amerry Court, Harlow



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£178,000

Cloverfield, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this Ground floor One bedroom flat in Sawbridgeworth. In a Private area with allocated parking. In Good condition Freshly decorated and appealing this would be ideal for first time buyers, investors or elderly person looking for a quiet life. EPC: D

£179,999

Hazel Gardens, Sawbridgeworth



Guardian are delighted to offer this lovely two bedroom mid terrace house in Copshall Close, Harlow. The house is located at the far end of a quiet cul-de-sac. There is one allocated parking spot outside the front door. EPC: C

£235,000

Copshall Close, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a three bedroom mid terrace house in Berecroft. Great first time buy or investment, current tenant paying £1,095.00 pcm. Double glazing, gas central heating. Downstairs WC and three good sized bedrooms. EPC: C

£244,995

Berecroft, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented two bedroom mid terrace house in Longley. The property has two good size bedrooms, large lounge area and a tiled bathroom with electric shower unit. EPC: E

£249,999

Longley, Harlow



SOUGHT AFTER location accompanied with its on private parking. The property has an open plan feel downstairs with a good sized kitchen. EPC: C

£260,000

Archers, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this spacious 4 bedroom Unique modern style bungalow That is situated in close proximity to Staple Tye. The property features A modern fitted kitchen with breakfast bar and quartz work surfaces. EPC: E

£270,000

Bishopsfield, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a two bedroom house in the rarely available private area of Glan Avon Mews. Quiet cul-de-sac location, close to M11 and local amenities. Private parking and low maintenance garden. EPC: C

£269,995

Glan Avons Mews, Harlow



Looking for your next step on the property ladder? A very well presented FAMILY HOME in one of the quieter turnings in Harlow. Offering ample storage and a brilliant layout, the property really does boast a great home for you and your family. EPC: D

£279,999

Jerounds, Harlow



Located in the award winning development of New Hall, Harlow, Guardian have the privilege to present a rare opportunity to acquire a mid terrace two bedroom property. Allocated parking, two large double's and perfect for a family. EPC: C

£299,995

Alba Road, New Hall



Guardian are delighted to offer this rare opportunity to acquire this three bedroom detached family oriented property in the sought after, private area, of Albert Gardens, Church Langley.

£329,950

Albert Gardens, Church Langley



Guardian are delighted to present this rarely available five bedroom detached family home in desirable private area of Church Langley. Cul de sac location, converted garage, parking, summer house and many modern features. EPC: D

£599,995

Davenport, Church Langley



This spacious 5 bedroom detached property presents numerous opportunities for a wonderful family home. The property benefits from 5 double bedrooms, 2 en-suites, separate annex (multiple uses), dining area and large lounge with open fireplace. EPC: D

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• Balcony • EPC Rating: B



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£260,000
COWLLINS, OLD HARLOW
• Two Bedrooms • Ground Floor Maisonette
• Cart Lodge Parking • Chain Free
• Private Cul-De-Sac • EPC Rating: C



CHAIN FREE

£255,000
SPRUCE HILL, HARLOW
• Four Bedroom • Mid Terrace Property
• Kitchen / Diner • Chain Free
• Needs Modernisation • EPC Rating: D



NEWHALL

£279,995
GREAT AUGER STREET, NEWHALL
• Top Floor Flat • Two Bedrooms
• Prime Location • Chain Free
• Allocated Parking • EPC Rating: D



NEW ON

£269,995
COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Two Bedrooms • Landscaped Rear Garden
• Terraced Home • Updated Heating System
• Allocated Parking • EPC Rating: C



NEW PRICE

£278,995
ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Two Bedrooms • Good Size Lounge
• Mid Terrace • Two Parking
• Kitchen/Diner • EPC Rating: C



NEW ON

£285,000
NEW POND STREET, NEWHALL
• Two Bedrooms • Available Now
• Maisonette • Chain Free
• Allocated Parking • EPC Rating: C



LOCATION

£300,000
CHIPPINGFIELD, OLD HARLOW
• Three Bedrooms • Two Receptions
• Needs Modernisation • Semi Detached
• No Onward Chain • EPC Rating: TBC



£310,000
HULL GROVE, HARLOW
• Three Bedroom • Kitchen/Diner
• Ground Floor Wc • End Of Terrace
• Backing On To Fields • EPC Rating: TBC



HARLOW

£319,995
OLD ORCHARD, HARLOW
• Three Bedrooms • Two Receptions
• Mid Terrace • Garage & Driveway
• Chain Free • EPC Rating: TBC



NEW ON

£330,000
COBBINS WAY, OLD HARLOW
• Two Bedrooms • Garage & Driveway
• Two Receptions • Semi Detached
• Good Size Garden • EPC Rating: C



NEW PRICE

OIEO £340,000
MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Three Bedrooms • High Specification
• Terraced Home • Driveway Parking
• Fully Refurbished • EPC Rating: TBC



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£350,000
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• Three/Four Bedroom • Reservation Fee Applicable
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NEW ON

OIEO £375,000
PERRY LANE, NEWHALL
• Three Bedrooms • Downstairs WC
• High Spec Kitchen • Off Street Parking For Two
• En Suite To Master • EPC Rating: B



NEW PRICE

£400,000
MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Three Bedrooms • Stunning Finish
• Semi Detached • Driveway
• Rear Extension • EPC Rating: C



NEW PRICE

£410,000
WHIELDON GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY
• Linked Detached • Garage & Parking
• Three Bedrooms • En-Suite
• Two Receptions • EPC Rating: TBC



OPEN DAY

£429,995
WATLINGTON ROAD, OLD HARLOW
• Three Bedrooms • Semi Detached
• Open Day • 150ft Gardens
• Sat 12th 10-1 • EPC Rating: C



NEW BUILD

£450,000
THE DRIVE, HARLOW
• Four Bedrooms • Driveway
• Semi Detached • Underfloor Heating
• Brand New • EPC Rating: TBC



NEW PRICE

£580,000
CROWN CLOSE, SHEERING
• Three Bedrooms • Two Receptions
• Planning For Annex • Detached Bungalow
• Lots Of Potential • EPC Rating: D



£650,000
THE BARNS, OLD HARLOW
• Three Bedrooms • Semi Detached
• Gardens & Parking • Courtyard Setting
• Two Bathrooms • EPC Rating: E



CHAIN FREE

£725,000
GREAT AUGER STREET, NEWHALL
• Four Bedrooms • Solar Energy
• Three Receptions • Rain Water Harvesting
• Bespoke Build • EPC Rating: B



£895,000
LATTON COMMON, HARLOW
• Five Bedrooms • Detached House
• Three Receptions • Gated Entrance
• Private Location • EPC Rating: C



NEW ON

£895,000
EASTWICK, HARLOW
• Grade II Listed House • Village Location
• Five Bedrooms • Elegantly Restored
• Three Reception Rooms • Just A Mile To The Station



OLD HARLOW

£950,000
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• Four Bedrooms • Gardens & Studio
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Nicholls Field EPC C
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Call To View



End Of Terrace With Parking
Burley Hill
£275,000

If you are looking to get on the property ladder and really like Church Langley then please call to view this two bedroom end of terrace with parking and a ground floor WC. The property is also offered for sale chain free. Ref 14400

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Extended Family Home OIEO £425,000
Glebelands EPC D
An impressive family home catering for all the family is this extended five double bedroom end of terrace, benefiting from off road parking, ground floor shower room and conservatory. Internal viewing is highly advised. Call now to view. Ref 14352
View Today



Guide Price £265,000 - £275,000
Make This Home Your Dream Home EPC D
The Readings
Located within walking distance to Bush Fair Shopping Centre is this three bedroom middle terrace family home. The property is being sold chain free. Ref 14312
Call To View



Well Presented Throughout
Aynsley Gardens
£299,995
EPC TBC

All you need to do is unpack and relax when you become the new home owner of this well presented two bedroom terrace home in one of Church Langley's most sought after cul-de-sac turnings and facing a small green. Ref 14403

Viewing Advised



Guide Price £220,000 - £240,000
Turn This House Into Your Home EPC D
Vicarage Wood
This two bedroom end of terrace that is in need of complete refurbishment, including a new kitchen and bathroom and is being offered for sale on a chain free basis. Ref 14228
Call 01279 443311



Make This Home Your Own £265,000 - £275,000
Willowfield EPC TBC
Offered chain free is this three bedroom end of terrace family home. The property needs some modernisation and would be the ideal home if you were looking to put your own stamp on a property. Ref 14337
Call Us Today



Guide Price £335,000 - £345,000
Four For The Family EPC TBC

Tunnmeade

Located within easy reach to local schools and amenities is this lovely four bedroom corner house. The ground floor accommodation comprises from a spacious entrance hallway, utility room/WC, spacious fitted kitchen, family lounge with double doors opening onto the garden and a separate dining room. Ref 14136

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Corner House

- Utility Room/WC
- Large Garden
- Fitted Kitchen

Dont Miss Out



Live Life On One Level £270,000
Bishopsfield EPC E
Located close to schools and local amenities is this four bedroom terraced bungalow. The property offers spacious accommodation and has undergone some recent refurbishment to provide a lovely fitted kitchen. Ref 14369
Call haart Today



Guide Price £150,000 - £170,000
Offered For Sale Chain Free EPC F
Berecroft
Are you looking for a project to make your own? Then this chain free detached one bedroom bungalow could be the one for you. Ref 14230
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Commuters Delight £175,000
Waterside Place EPC TBC
Spacious one bedroom second floor apartment in this grade 2 listed maltings building, which is just a two minute walk from Sawbridgeworth Mainline Railway Station serving London Liverpool Street and Cambridge. Ref 14361
Viewing Highly Advised



YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Shop-bought just isn't a patch on homegrown

With May here, the days are quickly getting longer, the temperatures are settling down and it's a busy, time in the garden.

It's a good time to pay attention to the vegetable patch to ensure you have some tasty crops to enjoy in the summer and through to next winter.

Even if you only have space for container gardening, make sure to include something edible – I promise you'll get such a kick out of it.

You can sow carrots directly into the ground now. For their long tap roots to develop well, a deep, light, free-draining soil is best – avoid freshly manured soil.

Remove as many stones and pebbles from the soil as you can because this will help to prevent forking where the root divides itself to get around the obstacle.

The seed is quite small to handle

but try to sow thinly. You will eventually thin seedlings out to a spacing of seven inches between plants. For early yield carrots I'd recommend 'Nantes 2' and 'Flyaway' which has good carrot fly resistance.

Get your French and runner beans sown indoors ready for transplanting next month. The inner cardboard tube of toilet paper rolls is ideal for them as they quickly put down deep roots, and then you can transplant the whole tube directly into the soil without disturbing the seedling.

You can directly sow them from late May onwards as well, but they will have a better chance against mice, slugs and snails if they get a head start indoors.

The seeds are beautiful and easy to handle which makes them a good project for kids while entertaining them with stories of Jack and the Beanstalk!

I've just sown some 'Scarlet Emperor'. I'm looking forward to not only their tasty produce but because they have the added bonus of being highly ornamental with their scarlet

pea flowers. These need trellis or a bamboo wigwam to climb up but in smaller spaces you can grow dwarf varieties such as 'Pickwick' and 'Hestia' in containers which are tasty and look pretty.

Sow kale seeds now and you will enjoy the health benefits of this nutrient-rich veg through the winter. It's an easy-to-grow crop that doesn't mind shade. As a leafy veg it likes a nitrogen-rich soil and to be kept watered.

For best results I would net it to keep off the birds. A popular variety is 'Nero di Toscana' with dark green crinkly leaves.

This is a just a selection to whet your appetite – it's also time to sow and grow peas, parsnips, leeks, broad beans, fennel, globe artichoke, potato, spinach, sweetcorn, winter squash, asparagus, beetroot and lettuce.

Growing veg can be expensive when you add up the price of seed, containers, compost and fertilisers but there are ways to keep your costs down. Share seeds with friends – there are usually very generous amounts of seeds in packets.



Cabbage, spuds, onions and lettuce can thrive in a British garden

And did you know you can cut up seed potatoes into about four sections and each one will yield a crop?

Kitchen waste and lawn clippings will make great free compost which will nourish your soil, improve drainage and increase yields for you.

Nettles and comfrey steeped in water is a good home-made feed, or if

you live somewhere coastal, collect seaweed which is rich in nutrients – crofters used to dig it into the soil for crop growing.

And remember there are some pleasures you can't put a price on, such as walking through your plot and picking the freshest produce for your dinner!

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

■ The weather seems to be swinging from hot to cold so keep an eye out for frost forecasts. Start hardening off plants raised from seed and cuttings – gradually acclimatise them by leaving them outside somewhere sheltered during the daytime. This way they'll be ready for their permanent home outdoors when the risk of frost has passed.

■ Sow basil, coriander and parsley in the

greenhouse or on a windowsill.

■ Encourage bushy growth on fuchsias by nipping out tips.

■ Climbers are putting on a lot of growth so keep tying them in. If you tie the stems of climbing roses as horizontally as possible, this will encourage more flowers.

■ Clip lawn edges with shears to keep edges manicured and mow once weekly now to maintain good

condition and deter weeds.

■ Keep on top of weeds by regular hoeing and mulching where possible.

■ Congested spring bulbs can be lifted and divided after flowering. Allow the foliage to die back naturally and there is no need to tie up daffodil foliage.

■ Check for aphids on crops and ornamental plants and remove by hand.



Sow basil, coriander and parsley now on a windowsill



Runner beans need to be supported - a trellis or wigwam is ideal and looks great when they flower



Sow carrots directly into the ground now

ASK DIARMUID

Q Can you name this plant for me? Thank you
Ken, Dartford, Kent

A This looks like *Photinia fraseri* 'Pink Marble', also known as Christmas Berry. It has very distinctive foliage - green and white variegated leaves that are sometimes flushed pink combined with the striking juvenile or new foliage which is red flushed with pink. It's tolerant of a wide range of soils and aspects, and is pollution tolerant too. Its non-variegated relation 'Red Robin' is also used widely as hedging.



PLANT OF THE WEEK

TULIPS

It's got to be tulips this week - any variety, any colour, they all add to the gaiety of gardens. Originally from the mountainous regions of central Asia, they made their way here to the UK via Turkey and the Netherlands in the 17th century.

Tulip mania in Holland led to single bulb values at their height

being worth 10 times the average working man's salary.

Thankfully today this beautiful flower is very affordable and, with more than 3,000 varieties available, there's a colour and shape to suit every taste. Enjoy now and plant some more in November, adding drainage to heavier soils for better results.

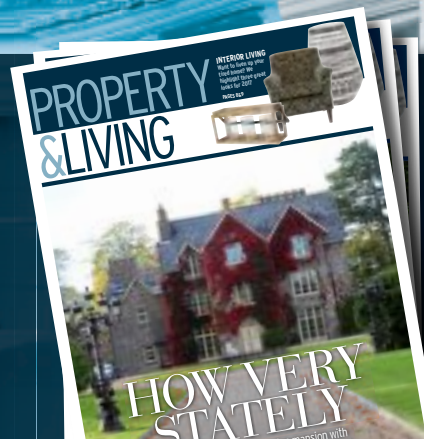


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WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: Kia Optima Sportswagon 2.0 GDi PHEV Auto by David Ward

IMPRESSIVE HYBRID

AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Kia Optima Sportswagon 2.0 GDi PHEV Auto
- **Price:** £35,145
- **Mechanical:** 154bhp, 1999cc, 4cy petrol engine with 11.26kWh polymer battery driving front wheels via 6-speed automatic gearbox
- **Max speed:** 119mph
- **0 to 60mph:** 9.4 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 54.3mpg
- **Insurance group:** 25
- **CO2 emissions:** 33g/km
- **BiK rating:** 13%



Kia has added another string to their hybrid bow with the arrival of the Optima PHEV Sportswagon which is a 'sister' to their saloon version already launched here.

Clearly aimed at the company car driver for tax benefits (BiK is just 13%) rather than the family estate motorists, who on cost alone will still opt for one of the cheaper and conventionally 1.7-litre diesel powered Optima models, this latest newcomer has all the hallmarks of Kia's value for money tag.

To start with this Optima PHEV Sportswagon - there's just one version based on Kia's '3' trim level range of cars - has that industry leading seven year/100,000 mile warranty which is even a bigger bonus in

itself in the new world of hybrid cars.

Coming in at £35,145 (after including the government's £2,500 grant) it's not particularly cheap when compared to £31,365 for the top spec GT-Line 1.7-litre combustion engined Optima Sportswagon but it's cheaper than its main hybrid rival, Volkswagen's Passat GTE Estate priced at over £42,000.

The price difference between the Optima saloon and estate hybrid is only £1,150 and as both share the same power trains - a two-litre, four cylinder 154bhp petrol engine alongside a 11.26kWh electric battery - it's a question for buyers of either needing the extra luggage space in the estate or sticking to a saloon.

As it's a plug-in hybrid the main concern for drivers is the time it takes to charge up the battery when either parked in the driveway at home or in the office car park.

Using the power kit supplied (neatly packed into a sensible small bag) it can be plugged into a conventional three-pin household socket and it takes just over five hours to fully recharge as experienced on test.

If the driver has a special 'wallbox' system in say the garage at home the charging time is less - around two to three hours from a flat battery - and the Sportswagon can then run say Kia on 38 miles using just electricity

although on test this reached just 30 miles. A

The car's hybrid range is up to 695 miles according to Kia but in reality on test it was averaging around 450 miles which is still not to be sneezed at as we say. Again company car drivers in particular will also be pleased at the CO2 of just 33g/km.

Like all current hybrids available it naturally depends on how the car is driven in relation to battery range and overall fuel consumption but on test this Sportswagon PHEV - incidentally with a six-speed automatic on board - was impressive and like any hybrid the driver really needs to adjust a little his or her driving style to gain the best benefit. Driving in and around town and urban areas it's so quiet and efficient with the whirring of the electric motor once starting and then on reaching the 30mph plus mark the move from electric to combustion engine is so easy and quite seamless.

Out at motorway speeds and the car accelerates well with the automatic gearbox changes exceptionally smooth helped too by light yet precise steering and even though this hybrid estate is 200kg heavier than the conventionally powered model most drivers won't notice any real difference. It's agile enough and with the Sportswagon version having bigger brakes and a tweak to the suspension it makes for a comfortable, quiet

ride even out at speed on the open road.

This PHEV model has an impressive list of standard kit on board with an eight-inch touch screen, sat nav, AppleCarPlay, Android Auto smartphone plus a nice Harmon Karda sound system and a reversing camera.

There's also as standard hill start, cruise control, speed limiter, tyre pressure warning, anti-lock brakes, electronic stability control and much more as aids for the driver.

Like all Kia cars today the interior finishing is good, it's well put together with nice, soft plastic trim and there's bags of both head and leg room in the front and rear seats while any worries about batteries, plug-in leads and the like taking up too much interior space can be ignored.

All in all in the estate there's a minimal loss of 15 litres of space for being a hybrid which in comparison to the 440 litres of luggage space still available is insignificant and any driver will still regard its load carrying capabilities as excellent.

Kia has again hit the nail on the head as the old saying goes in producing an overall impressive hybrid powered estate car that will obviously not appeal to everyone but it does exactly what it says on the tin.

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THE world of serious, big 4x4 luxury SUVs is an exclusive one, and they don't come much more exclusive than the SsangYong Rexton. "What?" is a question I rightly anticipated from a number of drivers when I suggested the same point to them. It begs explanation, so here we go.

To put the company into perspective and where it sits alongside Korea's better known Hyundai and Kia models, SsangYong is the country's oldest vehicle manufacturer and was founded in 1954.

Today it's 73 per cent owned by India's Mahindra & Mahindra engineering company and is currently the only 4x4 and SUV specialist manufacturer in Korea. It has also shared some development with another long established brand which is probably better known, Mercedes-Benz. There's a small range of three Rexton models sharing a common engine with choice of six-speed manual or seven-speed automatic transmission, with five or seven seats from £27,500 to £37,500. Our model was a seven-seat ELX with automatic transmission at £34,000 fitted with the towing pack.

The four-cylinder engine packs modest power output for the 2.2 tonne kerbweight but it develops 420Nm for good pulling power once underway through the seven gears.

It's not immensely powerful, more majestic than mighty, and at higher revolutions the engine noise does intrude to become more obvious than the constant lower vibrations

AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** SsangYong Rexton ELX auto
- **Price:** £34,000
- **Mechanical:** 181ps, 2,198cc, 4cyl diesel engine driving four wheels via 7-speed automatic gearbox
- **Max Speed:** 115mph
- **0-62mph:** 11.9 seconds
- **Combined mpg:** 34
- **Insurance group:** 29
- **CO2 emissions:** 218g/km
- **BiK rating:** 37%
- **Warranty:** 5 years/unlimited miles

from the road and suspension.

The performance is respectable rather than rapid when you look at the 0-60mph time but the way it gets there is impressive with the automatic gearbox slipping smoothly and quietly through the ratios and then settling down to a very relaxed motorway cruise at the legal limit.

Steering and stopping is easy and the handling is good once you come to terms with the slight pitching and rolling.

The size becomes apparent only when looking for an urban parking space and bumpers tend to stick out of conventionally sized parking boxes. The car's on-board sensors and cameras keep you out of trouble when manoeuvring.

Inside, the size is appreciated with a lot of legroom in front and behind, though the two rearmost foldaway seats lack reach and support and are for very occasional use only. There's good adjustment on the front pair and a comfortable shape and support.

The flatter rear bench type seat does not offer the same location but it is also good at

supporting long legs and the headroom is excellent throughout.

I liked the high flat loadbed to the luggage area, its shape and capacity which could be gradually increased to over 1,800 litres. Tailboard picnics become more of a family feast in the back of the Rexton.

Its height as you pull up into the cabin often draws comment, as it does when you drop down to exit, but it means you have a very good view of the road and surrounding traffic, the waistline is low, windows deep and both lights and wipers do a very good job.

For the driver, the major controls worked easily and the secondary switches were well set out, with big dials in front and a good sized central console for the infotainment system, impressive heating and ventilation and oddments space. Large door bins and seat pockets added to the family friendly feel of the Rexton.

We only tried it on a mildly demanding off-road course but its good approach and departure angles, wheel articulation and ability to go slowly when needed and rapidly respond when necessary were impressive.

On road you can decide now responsive you want the transmission to be and it will not disappoint, with easy mode selection.

The Rexton can actually stand wing to wing with its German and British rivals in the big SUV class and not look or feel out of place, except you'll have a lot more money in the bank to celebrate buying one and joining the exclusive country set.

WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: Toyota Auris hybrid GB25 by Robin Roberts

ANNIVERSARY AURIS

Toyota has a history in the UK and in the hybrid market that others are only just beginning to explore.

The Japanese car-maker began UK manufacturing 25 years ago with its Burnaston, Derby car plant and an engine plant on Deeside, on the Welsh border, a short distance from Chester.

It was also one of the pioneers in hybrid drive technology in 2000 matching an internal combustion engine with an electric powertrain in the Prius, and today its petrol engine for the hybrid is made in Britain as part of its normal production system.

To mark its 25th anniversary TMUK has produced the special edition Auris Hybrid five-door hatchback priced at £24,045, while prices for the 39 British-built Auris hatchback and estate model derivatives start at £16,655 rising to £26,905. The Auris GB25 model as it's called uses a 1.8-litre, 134hp petrol-electric hybrid powertrain. Toyota just passed the 200,000 sales mark so it has immense experience and it shows in the family sized Auris GB25.

The hybrid accounts for over 70% of new Auris sales while the special edition GB25 hatchback has a distinctive bi-tone exterior paint finish, a contrasting black roof, front grille and door mirror casings with a choice of Tokyo Red, Pearl White or Aspen Grey bodywork.

There is also a "25 years building in Britain" badge, incorporating the Union flag on the body and it shares the latest styling changes which have slightly lengthened it for safety requirements, and it gets the latest LED running lights front and back but that's about it to visually identify it.

Inside changes include an improvement in quality with soft-touch grained materials for the dashboard with a more integrated design for the instruments. There is a stronger and sportier looking instrument binnacle with recessed speedometer and tachometer dials either side of a 4.2-inch TFT multi-information screen.

The Toyota Touch 2 multimedia system has a seven-inch touchscreen in the fascia panel, a six-speaker audio system with DAB radio, Bluetooth and rear-view

camera but the simple sat-nav system is another £750.

The soundproofing has also been improved on the bulkhead and additional sealing added around the door areas to reduce road and wind noises entering the cabin.

The 1.8-litre engine and its accompanying 60kW electric motor with CVT gearbox push out over 130bhp and it's not punchy but practical with three modes for battery, economy and power as selected at the push of a button.

The seamless-changing CVT gearbox is not quick from standstill but it's very progressive as you would expect from its driveline, however it lets you know its working away by its noise level and this combined with the road rumbles and tyre noise are probably the most disappointing features of the Auris GB25.

Otherwise it does an excellent job with an indicated 52mpg overall recorded on test. You are not dependent on using a charging point as the Toyota Synergy Drive energy recovery system is very sophisticated and you just get in and drive without any range



anxiety apart from refuelling at a petrol station. In normal town driving the engine is quiet until stretched but on the motorway it's much more audible and maintaining the legal limit can result in a lot of mechanical thrashing and whirring from the system.

Access is good throughout and the boot reasonable while driver and passengers should be able to compromise to maximise rear seat legroom. Visibility is good, the lights bright for a winter's night and the wipers very effective.

Despite the road noise, the Auris GB25 actually soaked up bumps quite well despite bias towards

firmness particularly around town, it handled safely and road holding never caused a moment's concern.

The steering was nicely weighted, the brakes slowed it progressively and the secondary controls were all well located and faultlessly worked.

I thought the heating and ventilation was good, the oddments room adequate and it was a genuine family car unless you had really tall rear-seat occupants. The Toyota Auris GB25 is an effortless choice when you want to go-green but retain practicality and this landmark edition shows how far they have come and how far others have to go to catch up.

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Effect of the order: To temporarily close that length of Jerounds, Harlow in the District of Harlow, from the junction approximately 90m east of its junction with Horseshoes Road for a distance of approximately 80m in a southerly direction. The closure is scheduled to commence on 7th May 2018 for 19 days, or where stated on a valid permit (AZ0081000701399 - Cadent Gas). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org.uk. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while gas main replacement works are undertaken by Cadent Gas. An alternative route is available via Three Horseshoes Road, Kingsmoor Road, Pyenest Road and vice versa.

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Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications should write to the Council at the above address within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Application No HW/HSE/18/00130 **Ward:** Old Harlow

Application Type Householder Application

Location 51 Bury Road, Harlow, Essex CM17 0EE

Proposal Conversion of the double garage to an office with a first-floor extension above to create an additional bedroom, en-suite and dressing area.

Reason for Advert Article 4 Direction Area

Application No HW/FUL/18/00113 **Ward:** Harlow Common

Application Type Full Application

Location 140 Potter Street, Harlow, Essex CM17 9AW

Proposal Erection of two, three-bed, semi-detached dwellings.

Reason for Advert Affects the Setting of a Listed Building

Application No HW/FUL/18/00193 **Ward:** Summers & Kingsmoor

Application Type Full Application

Location Proposed New Dwellings North of Kingsmoor House, Paringdon Road, Harlow, Essex

Proposal Erection of four dwellings with associated parking and amenity.

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Judo players compete in their first rumble



Members of Harlow Judo Club who took part in the Northern Home Counties Red Belt Rumble

HARLOW Judo Club took a team of 11 young players to High Wycombe to compete in the Northern Home Counties Red Belt Rumble competition.

Eli Balski aged nine, David Franks-Whelan (12), Rami Mamouri (11), Sorin Petrica (12), George Franks (11), Thomas Norman (11), Harry Franks (10), Sofia Kafas (10), Millie Morgan (nine), Izzie Germaine (11), and Robert Badaru (nine) all represented the club.

All players were grouped according to grade and weight and while all Harlow competitors fought very hard in their respective categories, the groups were big and they faced stiff competition. There were some good techniques from everyone – even from the novice players, still new to competition.

Gold medals went to Izzie, Sorin and George, silver medals to Sofia and Millie, bronze medals to Rami, Thomas and Robert and participation medals to Eli, David and Harry. Coach Mick Ellis said "I am

very pleased with my team – Sorin displayed great techniques despite being new to competitions and the girls, "I thought placed very well – in fact, the whole team competed very well."

Meanwhile, Owen Lambert (12) travelled to Walsall to compete in the English Pre-Cadet Open.

This high level event is split into Pre-Cadets and Cadets categories and the top eight players in the relevant British lists are seeded.

Owen competed in the Pre-Cadet section where players are born in the years 2004-2005.

He won all his fights in his weight category to make it through to the final where he threw his opponent for two waza-ri's to claim an Ippon (maximum score).

Owen displayed not only good tachi-waza (standing techniques) throughout his fights, but also where necessary, pinning his opponents down in ne-waza (ground work).

Club suffer Dukes defeat

HARLOW took on Premier League side Hadleigh & Thundersley in the Dukes Essex League Cup first round on Saturday and made an early exit from the competition.

Having won the toss Harlow elected to put the opposition into bat in this 50 over competition and started well with Callum Sykes (2-55) getting the first wicket with the score on 34.

But with their overseas South African player Brandon Jacobs at the crease the visitors scored freely and the next wicket didn't fall until the score was 104 courtesy of Ross Vasani (2-44).

By now Jacobs had got himself firmly set at the crease punishing any loose balls. He was finally out for 115 off 92 balls with the score at 195-3, captain Rehman Ahmed getting the wicket.

Hadleigh continued at a steady pace and finally finished on 293-6.

In reply Harlow lost the early wicket of Luke Monger with the score on seven.

Wickets fell steadily with only opener Surath Bastola (31) showing any resistance. Harlow where at 123-8 but tail enders Jake Messenger (33no), Sykes (53) and Vasani (13no) managed to take the score to a respectful 231-9 from 50 overs.

Harlow start the league season this Saturday at Leigh on Sea.

Super Suraj picks up six

SURAJ CHAUHAN made a stunning debut for Harlow Town as he finished with figures of 6-28 in the Dukes Essex League Cup first round match at South Woodford.

However, despite his best efforts the hosts finished with a formidable total of 301.

In reply opener Daniel Baldwin was out for just one, but Ashley Alderson scored a well crafted 46.

Chauhan hit a quickfire 36 and despite a flurry of runs towards the end from Shaun Alderson (22) and Ben Eversden (21no), Town fell well short on 184.

The second XI beat South Woodford in the reverse friendly fixture by 23 runs.

Town posted 193-3 in their 35 overs with Jibram Azam scoring 104 and Ben Tyne 40 not out.

In reply South Woodford were 170 all out with Simon Rowell taking 6-33 including a hat trick.

Goosetree runs in MK

HARLOW Running Club members were in action at the Milton Keynes Marathon Weekend.

On Sunday Dave Goosetree ran the Milton Keynes 5K Rocket finishing in 544th in 25min 20sec and was 1201st in the marathon the next day in 4hr 57min 55sec.

Harlow hang on to secure Essex cup

Silverware sealed as they overcome Romford

HARLOW Rugby Club salvaged something from a disappointing league season as they lifted the Essex Intermediate Cup after beating Romford 25-19 in a hard-fought final.

The hosts quickly brought the game to life, when, within the first minute centre Ross Stalley broke through the opposition backs and released full-back Michael Dodds into space to run in a try.

With a successful conversion by Danny Smith they led 7-0.

The Romford pack started to pen back Harlow within their 22 metre line and a series of driving mauls pushed them backwards towards their try line.

Harlow were penalised by the referee for illegally stopping the maul and Romford were awarded a penalty try levelling the score at 7-7.

The Harlow pack struggled to get clean ball to their fast back line as the Romford forwards sucked them in.

However, Smith capitalised on Romford errors and kicked two penalties to give Harlow a 13-10 lead after 30 minutes.

Just before half-time number eight Karl Roddel caught a defens-

ive kick and released winger Scott Whitby to score Harlow's second try making it 18-7 at half-time.

The start of the second half saw the Romford pack driving Harlow back on their five metre line, then peeling off and scoring, cutting the deficit to 18-12.

The tables seemed to be turning in Romford's favour as Roddel was yellow carded for not rolling away from a maul.

Power

But despite being a man short, fly-half Smith created a great individual try by kicking through the Romford defence, collecting his kick to power over the line.

With the extras added Harlow had one hand on the cup with the score at 25-12.

However, Romford weren't about to throw in the towel and after 70 minutes scored their third try reducing Harlow's lead to 25-19.

The final ten minutes saw Harlow pull out all the stops to defend their advantage and it was with great relief when at long last the referee blew the final whistle to confirm them as Essex Intermediate Cup winners.



Action from Harlow's cup final match against Romford

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